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MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM BOOKLET

2003 – 2004 SEASON

Westfield State College
577 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA 01086, 413-572-5405

Head Coach: Rich Sutter **Assistant Coach: Junior Delgado**

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

2003 – 2004 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday	Nov. 22	Vassar College Tournament	
		Westfield State vs. Vassar	6:00
		Western Conn. vs. Norwich	8:00
Sunday	Nov. 23	Vassar College Tournament	
		Consolation Game	1:00
		Championship Game	3:00
Tuesday	Nov. 25	**ELMS**	8:00
Friday	Dec. 5	Pioneer Valley Classic @ Springfield College	
		Amherst vs. WNEC	5:30
		Westfield vs. Springfield	7:30
Saturday	Dec. 6	Pioneer Valley Classic @ Springfield College	
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		Amherst vs. Springfield	3:00
Tuesday	Dec. 9	at Albertus Magnus	7:00
Saturday	Dec. 13	at SUNY Purchase	2:00
Sunday	Dec. 14	at Mt. St. Vincent, NY	2:00
Thursday	Jan. 8	at Curry	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 10	**WORCESTER POLYTECH**	1:00
Tuesday	Jan. 13	**BRIDGEWATER STATE**	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 17	at Worcester State	4:00
Sunday	Jan. 18	**BARD COLLEGE**	3:00
Tuesday	Jan. 20	**SALEM STATE**	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 24	at Fitchburg State	3:00
Tuesday	Jan. 27	**AMHERST**	7:00
Thursday	Jan. 29	at Framingham State	7:30
Saturday	Jan. 31	**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE**	3:00
Tuesday	Feb. 3	at Bridgewater State College	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 7	**WORCESTER STATE**	3:00
Tuesday	Feb. 10	at Salem State College	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 14	**FITCHBURG STATE**	3:00
Thursday	Feb. 19	**FRAMINGHAM STATE**	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 21	at Massachusetts College	4:00
Wednesday	Feb. 25	Mass State Conference Tournament Semifinals	
Saturday	Feb. 28	Mass State Conference Tournament Championship	

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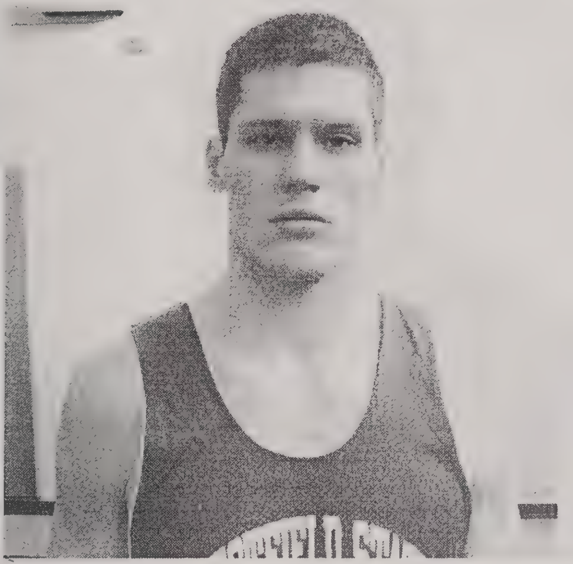
MEN'S BASKETBALL
2003 – 2004 Roster

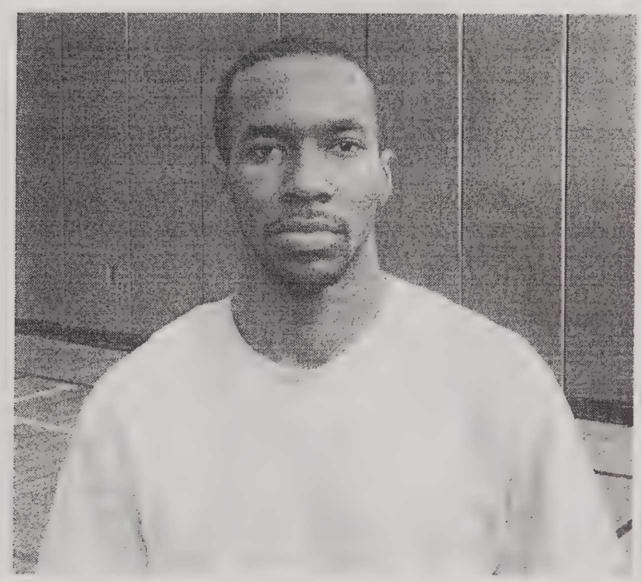
Name	CL	POSITION	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
Gavin Illangakoon	FR	GUARD	6-1	165	Australia
T.J. Baker	FR	GUARD	6-0	175	Staten Island, NY
Sam Gardner	FR	CENTER	6-5	200	Rehoboth, MA
Ryan Goyette	FR	GUARD	6-3	185	Dartmouth, MA
Marcus Harris	SO	GUARD	5-11	192	Boston, MA
Dan Holbrook	FR	FORWARD	6-5	230	Lexington, MA
Vaso Jaukovic	SR	FORWARD	6-7	220	Montenegro
Bob Marvel	SO	CENTER	6-6	210	Williamsburg, MA
Allen Murray	SR	GUARD	6-2	175	Springfield, MA
Ricky Ogboin	FR	GUARD	6-2	170	Boston, MA
James Ogbunize	SO	FORWARD	6-4	170	Springfield, MA
Rich Pyle	SR	CENTER	6-7	240	Brooklyn, NY
Joe Tomasini	SO	GUARD	6-4	200	West Roxbury, MA

2003 - 2004

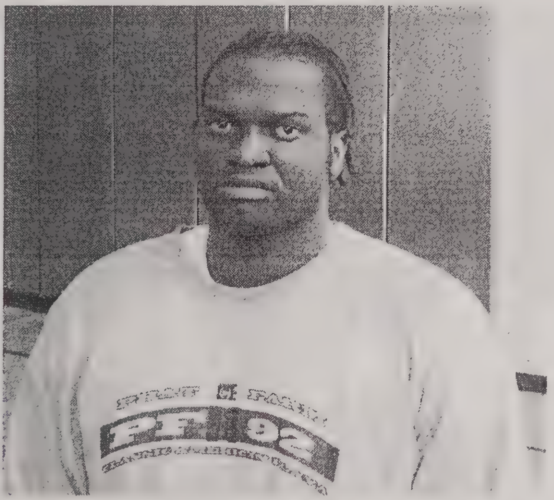
Meet The Owls



Vaso Jaukovic - Senior
High School: Montenegro
Major: Economics/Finance
Favorite College Team: Princeton
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Everything
Favorite Singer/Group: NAS



Allen Murray - Senior
High School: Springfield Central
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: Dayton
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese
Favorite Singer/Group: Bad Boys/Roc-A-Fella



Rich Pyle - Senior
High School: Robeson, NY
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: Maryland
Favorite Pro Team: Chicago
Favorite Food: Peppa Pot
Favorite Singer/Group: DMX

Marcus Harris - Sophomore
High School: Madison Park
Major: Criminal Justice
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Sloppy Joe
Favorite Singer/Group: Boyz II Men

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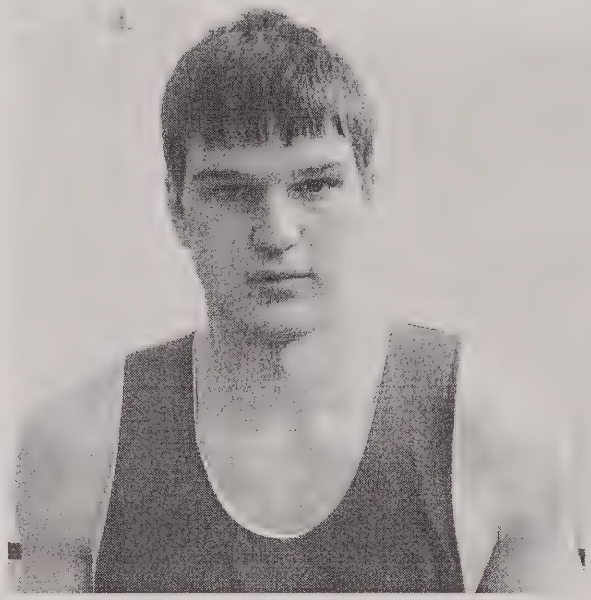
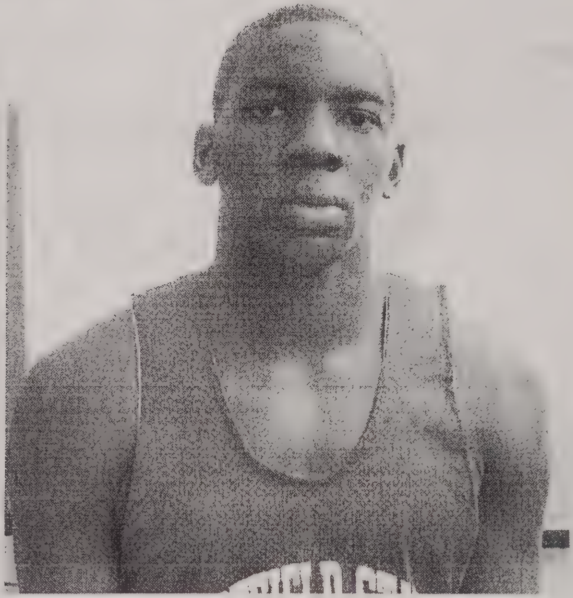
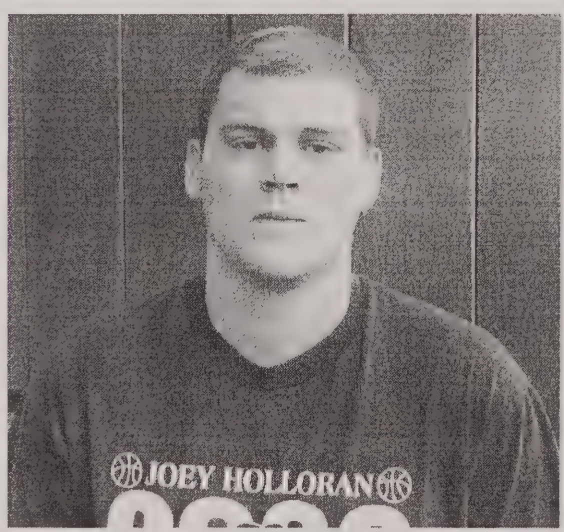
Meet The Owls



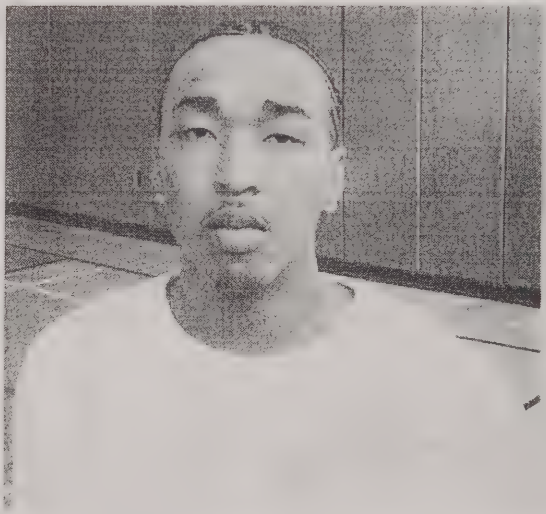
Bob Marvel - Sophomore
High School: Hampshire Regional
Major: Computer Science
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Boston
Favorite Food: Chicken
Favorite Singer/Group: Bruce Springsteen



James Ogbunize - Sophomore
High School: Springfield Sci-Tech
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: St. John's
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Chinese
Favorite Singer/Group: Cam'ron



Joe Tomasini - Sophomore
High School: Trinity Catholic
Major: Criminal Justice
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Boston
Favorite Food: Chicken Parmesan
Favorite Singer/Group: Billy Joel



T.J. Baker - Freshman
High School: Notre Dame Prep
Major: Undeclared
Favorite College Team: Texas
Favorite Pro Team: Philadelphia
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken
Favorite Singer/Group: Roc-A-Fella

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Gavin Illangakoon - Freshman
High School: Ellington, CT
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: UConn
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Singer/Group: Boyz II Men

Sam Gardner - Freshman
High School: Dighton-Rehoboth
Major: Undeclared
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Boston
Favorite Food: Seafood
Favorite Singer/Group: O.A.R.

Ryan Goyette - Freshman
High School: Dartmouth
Major: Undeclared
Favorite College Team: Georgetown
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Portuguese
Favorite Singer/Group: Roc-A-Fella

Dan Holbrook - Freshman
High School: Lexington
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: Syracuse
Favorite Pro Team: LA Lakers
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Singer/Group: Tupac

2003-2004

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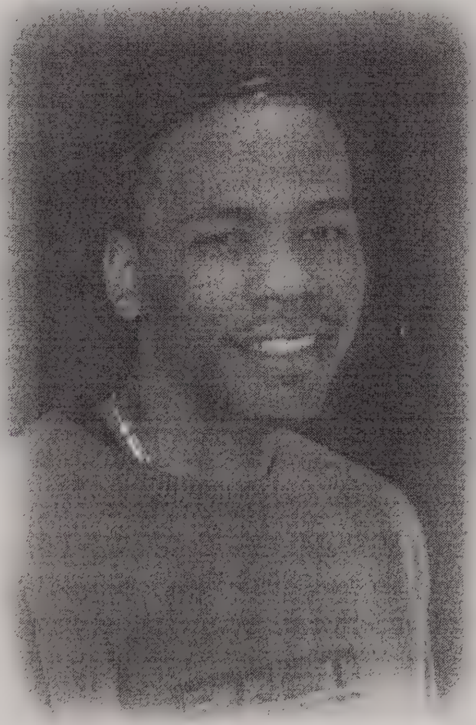
Ricky Ogboin - Freshman
High School: Brighton
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: North Carolina
Favorite Pro Team: Seattle
Favorite Food: Rice
Favorite Singer/Group: Roc-A-Fella



In Memory Of

Richard (Ricky) Thomas
Martin Cofield
1983-2002

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RAMS

Westfield State bid farewell to an old friend during its final regular season basketball home game played Feb. 19 in Parenzo Gym. Taking part in pre-game ceremonies to close the 48-year-old gym were, left to right: Westfield State seniors Vaso Jaukovic, Allen Murray and Rich Pyle; Don Farr (Westfield State Class of 1957), Framingham State's Chris Feeney and Anthony Faradie; and Bob Farr (Class of 1955). Don Farr played in the first game in Parenzo Gym on November 30, 1956, and he scored 29 points in Westfield's 77-54 victory over Worcester State. Westfield State will be playing its games next year in a new 80,000 square foot field house that is nearing completion. **(Westfield State College photo by David Harris-Fried)**

2/19/2004

Final varsity basketball game
to be played in the Parenzo Gym

Pride notch home win

NOV. 2004

Amherst men handle Clark

Staff photo by **MIEKE ZUIDERWEG**

Westfield State College forward Mike Jurkowski, of Belchertown, shoots over Williams forward Tucker Kain as teammates Vaso Jaukovic (32) and Tony Collier (24) look on at the Woodward Center in Westfield.

By **DICK BAKER**
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Local roundup

Evan Paris scored 13 points, and Erin Schwartz added 12 to rally Springfield College to a 61-45 win over Western Connecticut in women's basketball action last night at SC's Blake Arena.

Trailing 29-21 at intermission, the Pride (2-1) opened the second half with a 20-4 run to take a 41-33 lead with 11:13 remaining in handing Western Connecticut (3-1) its first loss. Paris scored six of the last seven points.

Courtney Parvin had 11 rebounds while Kacey Wunsch, Paris and Schwartz had eight apiece for the Pride.

Holyoke Community 80, STCC 48: Lindsey Beyor scored more than half of her team's points last night, but her 25-point effort was in vain as Springfield Technical Community College bowed to host Holyoke Community College.

Beyor, a Monson native, hit 14 of 22 free throws in the Rams' third loss in as many tries.

Granby's Sarah Gaj scored 20 points and Springfield's Shayna Phillips added 18 for the Cougars who won for the fifth time in six tries.

Andre Sepp of Springfield and Keri Exley added nine each for the Cougars, while Chicopee's Nora Healey and Granby's Kristen Thrasher added eight each for the Rams.

Fitchburg State 62, WNEC 59: Cathedral High School graduate Diana Doyle came off the bench to scored 15 points as Fitchburg remained unbeaten at 4-0 with the win over the host Golden Bears (1-1).

Doyle connected on 7 of 8 shots from the field, and had three assists in 26 minutes for the Falcons, who held a 16-5 advantage at the foul line.

Junior forward Shelley Everson led the Golden Bears with 14 points while junior center Lisa Masella had a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

With the score tied at 40-40, Fitchburg went on a 9-0 run, but the Golden Bears came right back to take a 51-50 lead on a 3-pointer by Cullen with 6:11 left in the game.

Sophomore guard D'Yana Delpero scored on a layup with 5:29 to play as the Falcons remained in control the rest of the way.

MCLA 66, Southern Vermont 30: Co-captain Catherine Saad scored 25 points, including four 3-pointers, and sophomore guard Kristen Lewis scored 15 points and added 16 rebounds as the Trailblazers won their home opener.

Mount Holyoke 73, Emerson 51: Senior Sara Belding scored 17 points to pace Mount Holyoke (2-2) in its home openers.

Becky Everett of Orange scored 10 points for Emerson (4-2).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Amherst 77, Clark 41: John Bedford recorded game-highs of 15 points and six assists as the Division III eighth-ranked Lord Jeffs remained undefeated at 3-0 with the easy win over visiting Clark (1-2).

Junior John Casnocha chipped in with 14 points on 4 for 6 shooting from 3-point range to go along with a team-high six rebounds for Amherst. Andrew Schiel added 11 points and a game-high four steals in only 21 minutes for the Jeffs.

Williams 73, Westfield State 57: Tucker Kain scored 20 points and Andrew Newton added 18 as the visiting Ephs improved to 5-0.

Bayette Gordon scored 16 points for the Owls (1-3).

Springfield 90, Curry 76: Joel Aponte scored 16 points as the Pride cruised in the non-conference game at Blake Arena.

Aponte led five scorers in double figures for SC (3-1). Kyle Marian scored 15 points on 7 of 10 shooting in addition to pulling down 12 rebounds for the Pride.

Elms 80, Anna Maria 76: Central High School graduate Renato Lindmets scored 24 points and added 14 rebounds to lift the Blazers (3-1) on the road.

John Ancrum scored 19 points, and Kyle Seyboth added 15, all on 3-pointers, for Elms, which led 32-23 at the half.

Coast Guard 80, Nichols 73: Sophomore Casey Butler of East Longmeadow scored 29 points, but Nichols (1-2) fell at home.

2004-05 Westfield State
Men's Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday	**Dec. 3**	**Pioneer Valley Classic @Westfield State**	
		Springfield vs. WNEC	6:00
		Amherst vs. Westfield State	8:00
Saturday	**Dec. 4**	**Pioneer Valley Classic @Westfield State**	
		WNEC vs. Amherst	1:00
		Westfield State vs. Springfield	3:00
Thursday	**Dec. 9**	**ALBERTUS MAGNUS**	**7:00**
Saturday	**Dec. 18**	**SUNY-PURCHASE**	**1:00**
Saturday	**Jan. 8**	**CURRY**	**1:00**
Tuesday	Jan. 11	at Bridgewater State	8:00
Saturday	**Jan. 15**	**WORCESTER STATE**	**3:00**
Tuesday	Jan. 18	at Salem State	8:00
Saturday	**Jan. 22**	**FITCHBURG STATE**	**3:00**
Tuesday	Jan. 25	at Western New England	7:30
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Saturday	Jan. 29	at Massachusetts College	4:00
Tuesday	**Feb. 1**	**BRIDGEWATER STATE**	**8:00**
Saturday	Feb. 5	at Worcester State	4:00
Tuesday	**Feb. 8**	**SALEM STATE**	**8:00**
Thursday	Feb. 10	at Bard College	6:00
Saturday	Feb. 12	at Fitchburg State	3:00
Thursday	Feb. 17	at Framingham State	7:30
Saturday	**Feb. 19**	**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE**	**3:00**
Wednesday	Feb. 23	Mass. State Conference Tournament Semifinals	

Men's Basketball

Williams College
at Westfield State
November 30, 2004

2004-2005 Westfield State College Men's Basketball Roster

NO.	NAME	CL	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
4	Steve Martins	FR	G	5-9	170	Westfield (Westfield Vocational)
10	Gavin Illangakoon *	SO	G	6-2	175	Ellington, CT (Ellington)
13	Bayete Gordon	JR	G	5-7	150	Holyoke (Amherst)
15	James Ogbunize **	JR	F	6-4	210	Springfield (Sci-Tech)
20	Andy Deffer	FR	G	6-1	180	Beverly
21	Sam Gardner *	SO	C	6-6	205	Rehoboth (Dighton-Rehoboth)
22	Joe Tomasini **	JR	G	6-4	210	West Roxbury (Trinity Catholic)
23	Sammy Newman-Beck	FR	G	6-1	172	Medford
24	Tony Collier	FR	G	6-2	190	Colchester, VT
31	Mike Jurkowski	JR	F	6-4	200	Belchertown
32	Vaso Jaukovic ***	GR	F	6-7	225	Montenegro
34	Ricky Ogboin *	SO	G	6-2	190	Boston (Brighton)
42	Dan Holbrook *	SO	F	6-6	230	Lexington

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2003-2004 season**

Head Coach: Rich Sutter, 7th year
Assistant Coaches: Junior Delgado, 4th year; Ethan Slavin, 1st year; Kris Kachelmeyer, 1st year
Student Assistant: Ryan Bowler, 2nd year
Captains: Vaso Jaukovic, James Ogbunize, Joe Tomasini
Managers: Vanessa Charlot, Sara Ciechomski
Record: 1-2

2004-2005 Williams College Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown
4	Yosef Johnson	G	06	5-10	Chicago, IL
12	John Gibbons	G	06	6-2	Weston, MA
14	Chris Shalvoy	G	08	5-10	Rochester, NY
15	James Wall	G	07	5-10	Roanoke, VA
21	Michael Graham	G	05	6-2	Sidney, NY
22	Richard Martin	G	08	6-3	Miami, FL
30	William Kuntz	F	06	6-6	Brooklyn, NY
31	Chris Rose	F	08	6-5	Middletown, NY
32	Brendan Hanifan	G	08	6-3	Vienna, VA
33	Dana Leary	F	07	6-4	Washington, DC
34	Brian Nelson	G	07	6-0	Holden, MA
40	Andrew Newton	F	06	6-8	Whitinsville, MA
42	Jaris Cole	G	05	6-1	Smyra, GA
43	Tucker Kain	F	05	6-5	Hunting Valley, OH
44	Charles Baschnagel	F/C	05	6-6	Clarion, PA
50	Ben Springwater	F	08	6-5	San Francisco, CA
52	Matt Weisbrot	F	08	6-7	Gladwyne, PA

Head Coach: Dave Paulsen, 5th year
Assistant Coaches: Dane Fischer, Tim Sullivan
Record: 4-0

Westfield State: A Unique Place

- An attractive suburban campus with an active social life; located near Springfield, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., and only 100 miles from Boston.
- Approximately 2,000 of the 3,600 full-time students live on campus, making Westfield State the largest residential college of the Massachusetts state colleges. There are six residence halls, including an apartment complex and a new residence hall, in addition to a new dining commons.
- A large attractive library with ample study space and a collection of more than 142,000 volumes. Library privileges at many area colleges, including Springfield College, Western New England College, American International College and the University of Massachusetts.
- An extensive collection of computer equipment available for student use, and a well equipped science building with numerous sciences labs and equipment.
- Campus center with full time professional staff to plan student social and cultural activities.
- There are two programs for serving disadvantaged and minority students, called Urban Education (A.I.D.) and Special Services.
- A smaller college with a strong academic reputation and a large diversified choice of academic majors and concentrations including: business management/accounting, computer and information science, criminal justice, movement and leisure studies, communication, political science and psychology.

Final Conference Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Salem	10-2	23-6
Westfield	9-3	15-11
Worcester	9-3	17-11
Bridgewater	5-7	11-15
Fitchburg	5-7	8-17
Framingham	3-9	6-17
Mass. College	1-11	2-23

Westfield
State College

Men's Basketball

Shawn Jones

Mass. State Conference Player of the Year
Ranked Seventh Nationally In Scoring

2003

2002-2003 Season Review

The Westfield State men's basketball players learned a lot about the game of life during their successful but heartwrenching 2002-2003 season.

The season began tragically as highly regarded freshman recruit Ricky Martin Cofield collapsed and died on the court during the second day of practice. It happened a dark, dreary and rainy day, and the gloom of their teammate's death stayed with the players for quite some time, as they struggled to cope both on and off the court.

With a 2-10 record and eight straight losses, head coach Rich Sutter and senior captain Ethan Slavin decided to hold a team meeting. They told the team members that it was time to stop feeling sorry for themselves and to start playing with pride and a purpose.

The summit worked as the Owls reeled off a school record 13 straight victories over the second half of the season. They earned the No. 2 seed in the conference's postseason tournament with a 9-3 record, trailing Salem State by a game. The school-record streak was finally snapped in the conference tournament semifinals with an overtime loss to Worcester State.

Sutter was selected by his peers as the conference coach of the year for leading the Owls to a 15-11 record, their best mark in nine years. Following the difficult early-season stretch, Sutter molded his team into a cohesive unit in which each player understood his role.

The Owls were led by the talented starting senior quartet of Slavin, Shawn Jones, Bryant James and Mitch Mitchell. Each player averaged double figures in scoring, led by Jones' school record 24.56 points per game average.

Jones, a talented 6-2 guard, shared conference player of the year honors with Salem State's Bobby Michalczyk. The Springfield native also received another prestigious honor as he selected to the d3hoops.com All-Northeast Region second team. Jones led the conference in scoring, assists (3.4) and steals (2.7) per game.

Jones ranked seventh nationally in scoring; the Sacred Heart University transfer poured in 614 points in his only season at Westfield, while shooting 80 percent (141 of 175) from the foul line and 44 percent (43 of 98) from 3-point range.

Slavin, of Mohegan Lake, N.Y. (Lakeland High School), is one of the best shooting guards in Westfield State history, and for the past three seasons he was one of the top 3-point and free throw shooters in the Mass. State Conference.

This season the 5-10, 170-pounder averaged 11.5 points and 2.4 assists per game, while shooting 46 percent (62 of 134) from 3-point range and a school record 87 percent (60 of 69) from the foul line in earning second team all-conference honors. In his four years at Westfield, Slavin scored 750 points and dished out 222 assists. He ranks second with 158 career 3-point baskets.

The senior captain also excels academically, maintaining nearly a 4.0 grade point average whi[illegible] majoring in communication, and he has been continually praised Sutter for never missing or being late for a practice in four years.

Bryant James played at Westfield State for the past three seasons, including a medical redshirt season in 2002 when he only played nine games. In 56 career games at Westfield, he accumulated 758 points, 488 rebounds and 158 steals, averaging 13.5 points and 8.7 rebounds per game. A 6-2 power forward with outstanding leaping ability, he also had more than 700 points and 600 rebounds while playing two years at Holyoke Community College.

Mitchell, a transfer from Massasoit Community College, averaged 10.2 points per game. The quick 6-2 guard was an excellent on the fastbreak and also made 28 baskets from 3-point range.

Key additions to the team this season where juniors Mike Cotrone and Matt Yvon. Cotrone, the defensive MVP on the Westfield soccer team, solidified the inside attack. The 6-4, 230-pounder started 20 games and averaged 4.0 points and 5.0 rebounds with a team-high 15 blocked shots.

Yvon joined the team in the second semester following a standout football season in which he was the Owls' most valuable offensive player and an All New England selection. The 6-2 guard/forward played in 15 games and averaged 5.7 points and 3.3 rebounds, while usually guardi[illegible] the opponents' top offensive player.

Other key contributors included junior forward Allen Murray, freshman guard Marcus Harris, freshman forward Bob Marvel and sophomore centers Chris Gonynor and Eric Gonynor.

2003 Westfield State College Men's Basketball Roster

NO.	NAME	CL	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
4	Mitch Mitchell *	SR	G	6-3	194	Carver
10	Shawn Jones	SR	G	6-2	170	Springfield
12	Ethan Slavin ***	SR	G	5-10	170	Mohegan Lake, NY
13	Bryant James **	SR	F	6-2	205	Holyoke
15	James Ogbunize	FR	F	6-3	190	Springfield
20	Marcus Harris	FR	G	5-11	192	Boston
21	Matt Yvon	JR	G	6-2	210	East Longmeadow
23	Allen Murray *	JR	F	6-2	175	Springfield
24	Joe Tomasini	FR	G	6-4	195	West Roxbury
31	Eric Gonynor *	SO	C	6-8	260	Orange
34	Mike Cotrone	JR	F	6-4	230	Suffield, CT
42	Bob Marvel	FR	F	6-7	215	Williamsburg
55	Chris Gonynor *	SO	C	6-8	245	Orange

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2002-2003 season**

Head Coach: Rich Sutter, 5th year **Assistant: Junior Delgado, 2nd year**

Captain: Ethan Slavin **Manager: Vanessa Charlot**

2002-2003 Schedule

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Nov. 23	Oneonta State Tipoff Classic vs. SUNY Purchase	6:00
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Dec. 12	**LASELL**	**8:00**
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Feb. 22	**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE**	**3:00**
Feb. 25	Mass. State Conference Playoffs	TBA

Westfield State Facts

Mailing Address	Westfield, MA 01086
Enrollment	3,600 (estimated)
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National Affiliation	NCAA Division 3
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Head Coach Rich Sutter

Head coach Rich Sutter capped his fifth season at Westfield State by leading the Owls to a school record 13 straight victories and the No. 2 seed in the Mass. State Conference tournament. Sutter was selected the 2003 conference coach of the year by his peers as he guided the Owls to their best record in nine years.

A New York City native, Sutter has a wide range of coaching experiences, including a six-year stint as an assistant coach at Colgate University from 1991-97. Colgate won three Patriot League championships and appeared in two NCAA Tournaments during that span, and Sutter recruited All American Adonal Foyle, who now plays in the NBA.

Prior to coaching at Colgate, Sutter was an assistant coach at All Hallows High School in the Bronx, which produced standout Olden Polynice, and during the same two-year period he worked as the physical education chairman at Holy Spirit High School. In 1998 he was the head coach at The Trinity School in New York City and guided the team to its first state tourney appearance.

In 1989, he served as an assistant for one season under Gary Brokaw at Iona College, and the previous year was at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, which made its first ever NCAA Division III Tournament appearance with a 25-2 record.

Sutter, 42, assisted Jack Curran, one of the top high school mentors in the nation, at Archbishop Molloy, N.Y., High School from 1986-88. During that stretch, Molloy's squad, which featured Kenny Anderson, won a city championship and was runner-up another year.

Prior to that position, he was head coach for two seasons at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., where he produced back-to-back 15-win seasons, the first winning records at the school in nearly 20 years.

A 1984 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Sutter earned a bachelor's degree in political science and was a student assistant coach under Jim O'Brien. He was a second team all-city and all-CSHSAA selection as a scholastic player at Sacred Heart in Yonkers.

Selected School Records

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

Points	50	Ray Glynn vs. Nichols (1968-69)
Assists	15	Jason Franklin vs. Framingham (1993)
Steals	12	David Brown vs. Albertus Magnus (1994)
Rebounds	28	Tim Parker vs. Fitchburg (1970-71)
Three Point Field Goals	8	Jim Bruno vs. Roger Williams (1987-88)
	8	Jim Bruno vs. Mass Dartmouth (1987-88)
Three Point Attempts	14	Jim Bruno vs. Salem (1987-88)
Three Point Percentage	.800-8-10	Bruno vs. Roger Williams (1987-88)

INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

Points	625	Greg Gauvin	1994-95
Scoring Average	24.56	Shawn Jones	2002-03
Highest Field Goal Percentage	.650	Levon Freeman	1983-84
Free Throws Made	144	Don Farr	1955-56
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Free Throw Percentage	.870	Ethan Slavin (60-69)	2002-0[illegible]
Consecutive Free Throws Made	39	Jim Bruno	1990-91
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Steals	122	David Brown	1993-94
Rebounds	354	Russell Thompson	1986-87
Rebounds Per Game	17.4	Tim Parker	1971-72
Three Point Field Goals Made	79	Jim Bruno	1987-88
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Three Point Percentage	.485	Jim Bruno	1987-88

INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

Highest Field Goal Percentage	.579	Russell Thompson	1983-87
Rebounds	1194	Russell Thompson	1983-87
Assists	373	David Brown	1992-94
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8. Dan Racine	1259	1998
9. Tom Parks	1256	1976
10. Tim Parker	1178	1973
11. Russ Thompson	1169	1987
12. Tim Farrell	1129	1980
13. Bob Farr	1100	1956
14 David Brown	1035	1994
15. Sean Williams	1020#	1990

# - Also scored 939 points at AIC

"We are extremely elated to have a coach of **Rich Sutter's** caliber here at Westfield State," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "With his contacts, I'm sure he will be able to recruit quality student-athletes."

"I am excited about having the opportunity to coach at Westfield State; I want to put out a team that the school can be proud of," said Sutter.

"I've know Rich since the early '80s when [illegible] was an assistant at St. Bonaventure and we'[illegible] remained friends," said Boston University head coach Dennis Wolf. "He is a very knowledgeable basketball guy and he knows the players in the New York City area quite well....he has the ability to communicate well with people."

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Westfield State College Photo By David Harris-Fried

Westfield State College played its final regular-season game in Parenzo Gym February 19 against Framingham State College. Taking part in pregame ceremonies to close the 48-year-old gym were (from left to right) Westfield State seniors Vaso Jaukovic, Allen Murray and Rich Pyle; Don Farr (Westfield State class of 1957), Framingham State's Chris Feeney and Anthony Faradie; and Bob Farr (Westfield State class of 1955). Don Farr played in the first game in Parenzo Gym on November 30, 1956, scoring 29 points in a 77-54 victory over Worcester State College. Westfield State will play its games next season in a new 80,000-square-foot athletics/academic facility that is scheduled for completion May 1.

MASCAC 2003-2004 MEN'S BASKETBALL
As of 1/26/04

	MASCAC		OVERALL	
COLLEGE	W-L	%	W-L	%
Salem State	3-0	1.000	12-2	.857
Bridgewater State	3-0	1.000	6-7	.462
Westfield State	2-2	.500	8-6	.571
Worcester State	2-2	.500	8-9	.471
Fitchburg State	1-2	.333	4-9	.308
Framingham State	1-3	.250	5-9	.357
Massachusetts College	0-3	.000	1-15	.063

Last Week's Results:

1/19	*Bridgewater 86, Massachusetts College 57
1/20	*Worcester 70, Framingham 64
	*Salem 79, Westfield 57
1/21	Becker 82, Massachusetts College 78
1/22	Endicott 79, Framingham 63
	Bridgewater 70, UMass-Boston 63
	Colby-Sawyer 71, Worcester 60
1/24	*Westfield 60, Fitchburg 55
	*Salem 89, Framingham 85
	*Worcester 73, Massachusetts College 60
	Curry 77, Bridgewater 60

This Week's Games:

1/27	Amherst at Westfield	7:00
	*Fitchburg at Framingham	7:30
	*Bridgewater at Worcester	8:00
	*Massachusetts College at Salem	8:00
1/29	*Massachusetts College at Fitchburg	7:30
	*Westfield at Framingham	7:30
	*Salem at Bridgewater	8:00
1/31	*Fitchburg at Bridgewater	3:00
	*Massachusetts College at Westfield	3:00
	*Worcester at Salem	3:00

MASCAC Website - www.mascac.com

Player of the Week:
Tom Sullivan, Worcester State, Junior, Forward (Auburn, MA):
Sullivan averaged a double-double as he helped the Lancers go 2-1 last week, including a pair of key MASCAC victories. He started his week by scoring 12 points and grabbing 6 rebounds in a 70-64 MASCAC road victory at Framingham. Sullivan tallied 16 points and 12 boards in a non-league loss to Colby-Sawyer before scoring 18 points and adding 12 rebounds in a 73-60 conference road win at Massachusetts College.

Honor Roll:
David Rukstalis, Bridgewater, So, F (Norwood, MA): Averaged 18 points and 5.3 rebounds in a 2-1 week for BSC
Rashad Cope, Fitchburg, Sr, F (Dorchester/Snowden): 16 points, 9 boards, 4 assists and 4 steals in loss to Westfield
Ryan Dacey, Framingham, Fr, G (Pembroke/Silver Lake): Continued recent scoring binge by averaging 25.3 points
Chad Columbus, MCLA, Jr, G (Syracuse, NY/Bishop Ludden): Collected 47 points in three games last week
Dewayne Cox, Salem, So, G (Roxbury/Boston English): 20 points and 9 rebounds in comeback win vs. Framingham
Ricky Ogboin, Westfield, Fr, G (Boston/Brighton): Scored 12 of his 16 points in second half in victory at Fitchburg

Past Players of the Week:

		11/24	T.J. Baker: Westfield	12/1	Dwayne Cox: Salem
12/8	Robert Mitchell: MCLA	12/15	Ifesinachi Anosike: Salem	1/5	John Goya: Salem
1/12	Matt Savage: Worcester	1/19	Peter Santos: Bridgewater	1/26	Tom Sullivan: Worcester

MASCAC Telephone Hotline: (508) 531-6191

MASCAC Postseason Championship

Semifinals - Wednesday, February 25th; Championship - Saturday, February 28th

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Men's Basketball

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Amherst College
at Westfield State
January 27, 2004

2003-2004 Westfield State College Men's Basketball Roster

NO.	NAME	CL	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
3	T.J. Baker	FR	G	6-0	175	Staten Island, NY (Notre Dame Prep)
10	Gavin Illangakoon	FR	G	6-2	172	Ellington, CT (Ellington)
12	Ryan Goyette	FR	G	6-3	185	Dartmouth/Dartmouth
15	James Ogbunize *	SO	F	6-4	205	Springfield (Sci-Tech)
22	Joe Tomasini *	SO	G	6-4	200	West Roxbury (Trinity Catholic)
23	Allen Murray **	SR	G	6-2	175	Springfield (Central)
30	Sam Gardner	FR	C	6-5	200	Rehoboth (Dighton-Rehoboth)
31	Bob Marvel *	SO	C	6-6	210	Williamsburg (Hampshire Regional)
32	Vaso Jaukovic **	SR	F	6-7	220	Montenegro, Serbia
34	Ricky Ogboin	FR	G	6-2	170	Boston (Brighton)
42	Rich Pyle *	SR	C	6-7	240	Brooklyn, NY (Robeson)
55	Dan Holbrook	FR	F	6-5	230	Lexington(Lexington)

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2003-2004 season**

Head Coach: Rich Sutter, 6th year
Assistant Coach: Junior Delgado, 3rd year
Student Assistants: Ryan Bowler, John Stawarz
Captains: Allen Murray, Rich Pyle, Vaso Jaukovic
Manager: Vanessa Charlot **Record: 8-6**

2003-2004 Amherst College Men's Basketball Roster

NO.	NAME	CL	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
3	Jason Tucker	FR	G	6-3	190	Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)
4	Mike Salerno	FR	G	6-1	187	Shrewsbury, MA/St. John's
5	Adam Harper	SR	G	6-3	180	Washington, DC/St. Albans School
11	Russell Lee	JR	G	5-8	170	Lorton, VA/Hayfield Secondary
12	John Donovan	SR	G	6-1	185	Holmdel, NJ/Holmdel
15	Dan Fisher	FR	G	6-1	170	Oakland, CA/College Prep
20	John Casnocha	SO	F	6-6	205	San Francisco, CA/S.F. Univ. HS
21	Ray Corrigan	JR	G	6-0	185	Queens, NY/Poly Prep
22	John Bedford	SO	G	6-3	190	Ridgewood, NJ/Lawrenceville
24	Tim McLaughlin	FR	G	6-4	200	Chatham, NJ/Delbarton School
31	Don Quinn	SR	C	6-8	225	Princeton, NJ/Montgomery
32	Keith Zalaski	SO	G	6-2	190	Simsbury, CT/Simsbury
33	Tim Jones	SR	F	6-4	227	Richmond, VA/Governor's School
34	Dan O'Shea	FR	F	6-7	200	Lawrence, MA/Central Catholic
40	Dan Wheeler	FR	F	6-5	215	Bloomington, MN/Thomas Jefferson
41	Andrew Schiel	JR	F	6-7	240	Wayne, PA/Conestoga
--	Frank Perry*	SR	G/F	6-3	208	Hartford, CT/Loomis Chaffee

*** - Injured**

Head Coach: David Hixon
Assistant Coaches: Ron Buelow, Rey Harp, Luke Flockerzi, Steve Zieja
Captains: Adam Harper, John Donovan, Tim Jones
Record: 15-1; Ranked third in the d3.hoops.com NCAA Division III national poll.

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SELECTED SCHOOL RECORDS

Individual Game Records

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14.	David Brown	1035	1994
15.	Sean Williams	1020##	1990

## - Also Scored 939 Points for American International College

Meet The Owls

WESTFIELD STATE

Ricky Ogboin - Freshman
High School: Brighton
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: North Carolina
Favorite Pro Team: Seattle
Favorite Food: Rice
Favorite Singer/Group: Roc-A-Fella

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Richard (Ricky) Thomas
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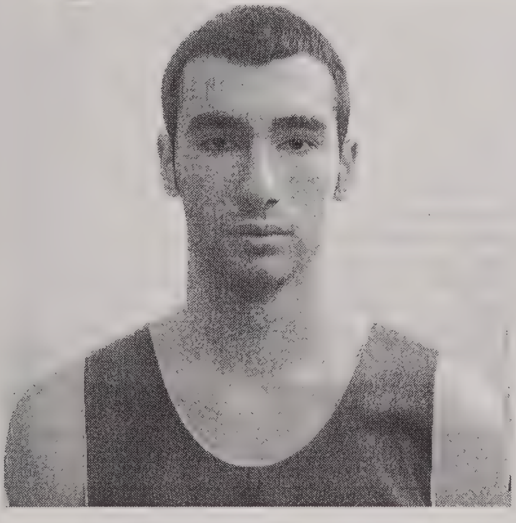
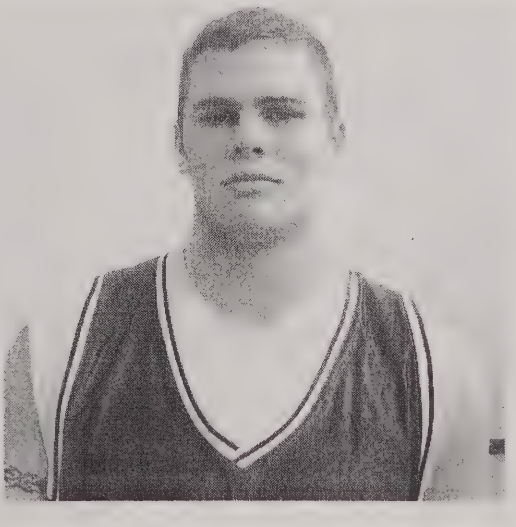
Meet The Owls

Gavin Illangakoon - Freshman
High School: Ellington, CT
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: UConn
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Singer/Group: Boyz II Men

Sam Gardner - Freshman
High School: Dighton-Rehoboth
Major: Undeclared
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Boston
Favorite Food: Seafood
Favorite Singer/Group: O.A.R.



Ryan Goyette - Freshman
High School: Dartmouth
Major: Undeclared
Favorite College Team: Georgetown
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Portuguese
Favorite Singer/Group: Roc-A-Fella



Dan Holbrook - Freshman
High School: Lexington
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: Syracuse
Favorite Pro Team: LA Lakers
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Singer/Group: Tupac

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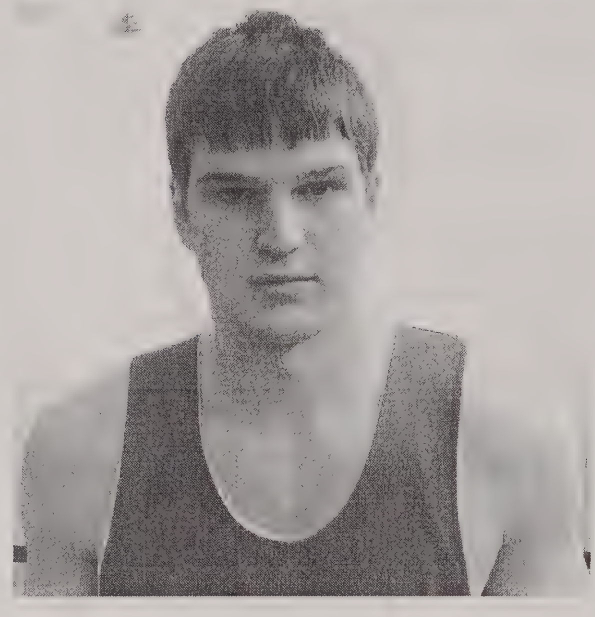
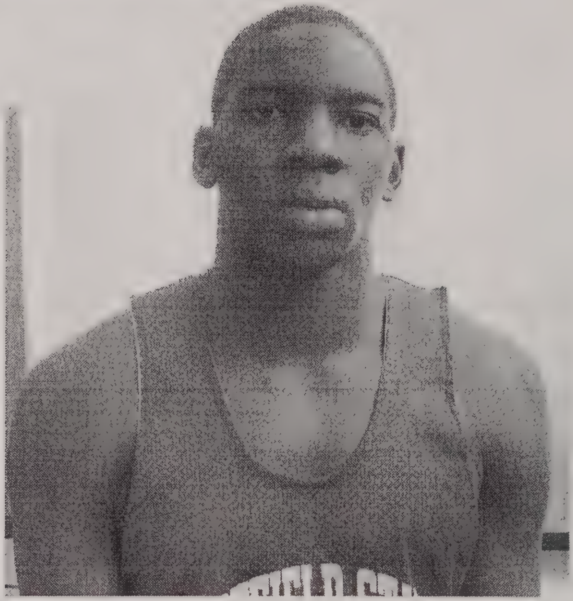
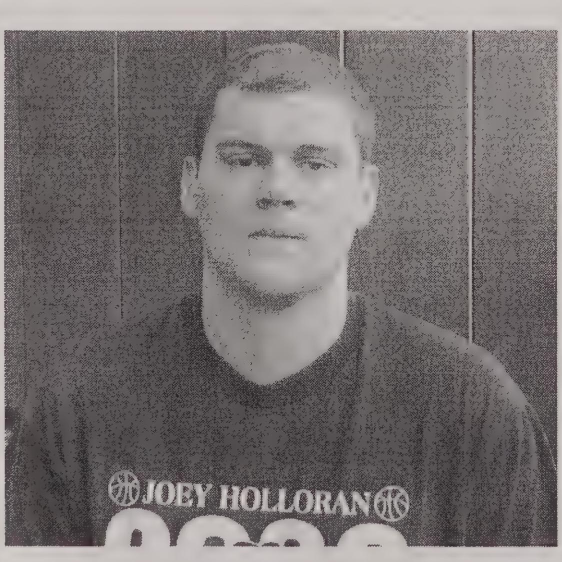


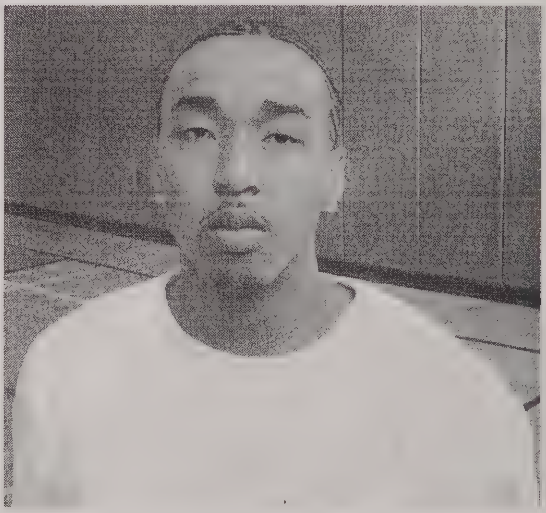
Bob Marvel - Sophomore
High School: Hampshire Regional
Major: Computer Science
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Boston
Favorite Food: Chicken
Favorite Singer/Group: Bruce Springsteen



James Ogbunize - Sophomore
High School: Springfield Sci-Tech
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: St. John's
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Chinese
Favorite Singer/Group: Cam'ron



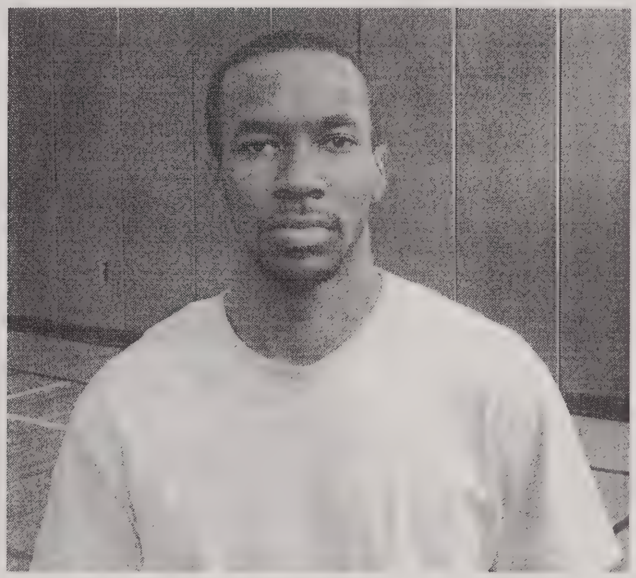
Joe Tomasini - Sophomore
High School: Trinity Catholic
Major: Criminal Justice
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Boston
Favorite Food: Chicken Parmesan
Favorite Singer/Group: Billy Joel



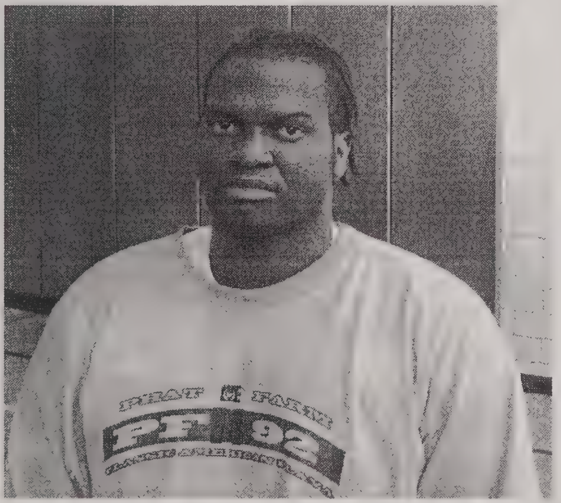
T.J. Baker - Freshman
High School: Notre Dame Prep
Major: Undeclared
Favorite College Team: Texas
Favorite Pro Team: Philadelphia
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken
Favorite Singer/Group: Roc-A-Fella

Meet The Owls

Vaso Jaukovic - Senior
High School: Montenegro
Major: Economics/Finance
Favorite College Team: Princeton
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Everything
Favorite Singer/Group: NAS



Allen Murray - Senior
High School: Springfield Central
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: Dayton
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese
Favorite Singer/Group: Bad Boys/Roc-A-Fella



Rich Pyle - Senior
High School: Robeson, NY
Major: Business
Favorite College Team: Maryland
Favorite Pro Team: Chicago
Favorite Food: Peppa Pot
Favorite Singer/Group: DMX

Marcus Harris - Sophomore
High School: Madison Park
Major: Criminal Justice
Favorite College Team: Duke
Favorite Pro Team: Sacramento
Favorite Food: Sloppy Joe
Favorite Singer/Group: Boyz II Men

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
2003 – 2004 Roster

Name	CL	POSITION	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
Gavin Illangakoon	FR	GUARD	6-1	165	Australia
T.J. Baker	FR	GUARD	6-0	175	Staten Island, NY
Sam Gardner	FR	CENTER	6-5	200	Rehoboth, MA
Ryan Goyette	FR	GUARD	6-3	185	Dartmouth, MA
Marcus Harris	SO	GUARD	5-11	192	Boston, MA
Dan Holbrook	FR	FORWARD	6-5	230	Lexington, MA
Vaso Jaukovic	SR	FORWARD	6-7	220	Montenegro
Bob Marvel	SO	CENTER	6-6	210	Williamsburg, MA
Allen Murray	SR	GUARD	6-2	175	Springfield, MA
Ricky Ogboin	FR	GUARD	6-2	170	Boston, MA
James Ogbunize	SO	FORWARD	6-4	170	Springfield, MA
Rich Pyle	SR	CENTER	6-7	240	Brooklyn, NY
Joe Tomasini	SO	GUARD	6-4	200	West Roxbury, MA

WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

2003 – 2004 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday	Nov. 22	Vassar College Tournament	
		Westfield State vs. Vassar	6:00
		Western Conn. vs. Norwich	8:00
Sunday Nov. 23		Vassar College Tournament	
		Consolation Game	1:00
		Championship Game	3:00
Tuesday	Nov. 25	**ELMS**	8:00
Friday	Dec. 5	Pioneer Valley Classic @ Springfield College	
		Amherst vs. WNEC	5:30
		Westfield vs. Springfield	7:30
Saturday	Dec. 6	Pioneer Valley Classic @ Springfield College	
		Westfield vs. WNEC	1:00
		Amherst vs. Springfield	3:00
Tuesday	Dec. 9	at Albertus Magnus	7:00
Saturday	Dec. 13	at SUNY Purchase	2:00
Sunday	Dec. 14	at Mt. St. Vincent, NY	2:00
Thursday	Jan. 8	at Curry	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 10	**WORCESTER POLYTECH**	1:00
Tuesday	Jan. 13	**BRIDGEWATER STATE**	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 17	at Worcester State	4:00
Sunday	Jan. 18	**BARD COLLEGE**	3:00
Tuesday	Jan. 20	**SALEM STATE**	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 24	at Fitchburg State	3:00
Tuesday	Jan. 27	**AMHERST**	7:00
Thursday	Jan. 29	at Framingham State	7:30
Saturday	Jan. 31	**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE**	3:00
Tuesday	Feb. 3	at Bridgewater State College	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 7	**WORCESTER STATE**	3:00
Tuesday	Feb. 10	at Salem State College	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 14	**FITCHBURG STATE**	3:00
Thursday	Feb. 19	**FRAMINGHAM STATE**	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 21	at Massachusetts College	4:00
Wednesday	Feb. 25	Mass State Conference Tournament Semifinals	
Saturday	Feb. 28	Mass State Conference Tournament Championship	

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM BOOKLET

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Today, with more than 400 student-athletes, Westfield's athletics program is larger than ever. But with the support of alumni, parents and friends who join the Owl Club, we continue to make improvements to facilities, provide new sports opportunities to students, and take our teams to the next level.

In the past three years, Westfield athletes have won a national championship and two Smith Cups. We've also had the most scholar-athlete award winners of any team in the conference. Individual supporters like you have helped to put Westfield in the winner's circle.

Join the Owl Club today, and you help us maintain this momentum. What's more, your generosity will have an immediate impact on the experience of all our student-athletes.

Annual Owl Club Events

- Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony
- Student-Athlete Awards Dinner
- Annual Owl Club Golf Tournament
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- Team reunions
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Step Up to the Plate

Our tight-knit athletics community at Westfield makes your individual support that much more important. By supporting the Owl Club, you will:

- ✔ Provide much-needed financial support to ensure the success of athletics at Westfield
- ✔ Promote school pride and a sense of community for our students, athletic teams, alumni, parents and friends
- ✔ Enable us to expand recognition for our student-athletes and teams
- ✔ Enjoy unique opportunities to reconnect and network with teammates, alumni, parents and friends

Owl Club membership benefits begin at the $100 gift level; however, gifts in any amount are appreciated and make a difference.

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- Invitations to special athletic events

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- Invitation to hospitality events

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Have questions about the Owl Club, or want to make your gift by phone? Please contact Dave Caspole '94, senior development coordinator for athletics, at 413.572.8198 or dcaspole@wsc.ma.edu.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Owl Club is to improve the student-athlete experience at Westfield by providing financial assistance for athletic programs. The Owl Club also provides student-athletes, alumni, parents and friends with opportunities that build team spirit and the visibility and reputation of Westfield and its athletics programs.

Our Philosophy

Central to our efforts is the underlying philosophy that athletics are an integral part of the Westfield experience. Owl teams make a difference in the lives of everyone — including participants on the field, court, track and in the pool — and contribute to the quality of our entire college community.

Our Promise

Whether a student-athlete is an All-American, a record-setter, or is simply fulfilling a dream by playing on an intercollegiate team, friendships that are forged through Owl Athletics, along with lessons of hard work, teamwork and leadership, are invaluable benefits that last a lifetime.

In keeping with NCAA Division III rules and philosophy, we want to give our student-athletes every opportunity to succeed. Academic success is vital to the student-athlete experience at Westfield, and our commitment to students both on and off the field helps them open doors of opportunity after graduation.

'WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOME!'

Nov. 2004

Staff photo by **MIEKE ZUIDERWEG**

Scott M. Bruce, 20, a junior, left, and Ryan D. Polson, 18, a freshman, watch the first basketball game last night at the new Woodward Center on the campus of Westfield State College in Westfield. Westfield is playing Williams College, which won 73-57.

Westfield State debuts new gym

Friday and Saturday the college will host the Pioneer Valley Classic.

By GEORGE GRAHAM
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WESTFIELD – Westfield State College men's basketball team took on Williams College last night in the Woodward Center's first-ever basketball game.

"Welcome to our new home!" Director of Athletics Kenneth Magarian said at the start of the game, drawing cheers and applause from the 750 spectators who flocked to the gleaming $18 million facility to view a bit of Westfield State history in the making.

Magarian then introduced Holyoke natives Donald W. and Robert A. Farr, who played in the former athletic center when it was new in 1956. The two posed for pictures with the game ball that Magarian said will be enshrined in a facility display case.

"I thought that was great place to play in," Robert Farr, class of 1955 said as he watched the game unfold. "This is a little better."

"It's a fabulous place," Donald Farr, class of 1957 said. "This crowd here, they never would have fit in the old gym."

Both brothers, now Westfield residents, served as captains of Westfield State's basketball team.

Sitting next to the Farrs was Charles "Bud" Hagan of Westfield who was the college's first director of athletics in 1956. "It's gorgeous," Hagan said.

Earlier in the day, Owls coach Rich Sutter said the facility gives Westfield State "the nicest Division II gymnasium in all of New England. . . . It's beautiful."

The Owls went into the match with a 1-2 record, while Williams, currently ranked 10th in the nation for NCAA Division III, was 4-0. Williams won the game 73-57.

"We wanted a quality opponent, and Williams fits that bill," Sutter said.

Westfield State will host the Pioneer Valley Classic Friday when Springfield College takes on Western New England College at 6 p.m. and Westfield State plays Amherst College at 8 p.m.

The classic continues Saturday when Western New England meets Amherst at 1 p.m., and Westfield State takes on Springfield at 3 p.m.

The 80,000-square-foot center features a 35,000-square-foot field house, large enough to hold an official NCAA track and field meet. It also boasts three full-length basketball courts, with the main performance court providing seating for 1,100, far surpassing the maximum of 250 spectators at the existing athletic center, which was built in the 1950s.

The second floor includes a student lounge, aerobics and dance studio, four classrooms and exercise physiology, biomechanics and motor learning laboratories.

Also, a multi-media computer lab, conference rooms, a Hall of Fame display area and office space for the college's athletics and movement science departments.

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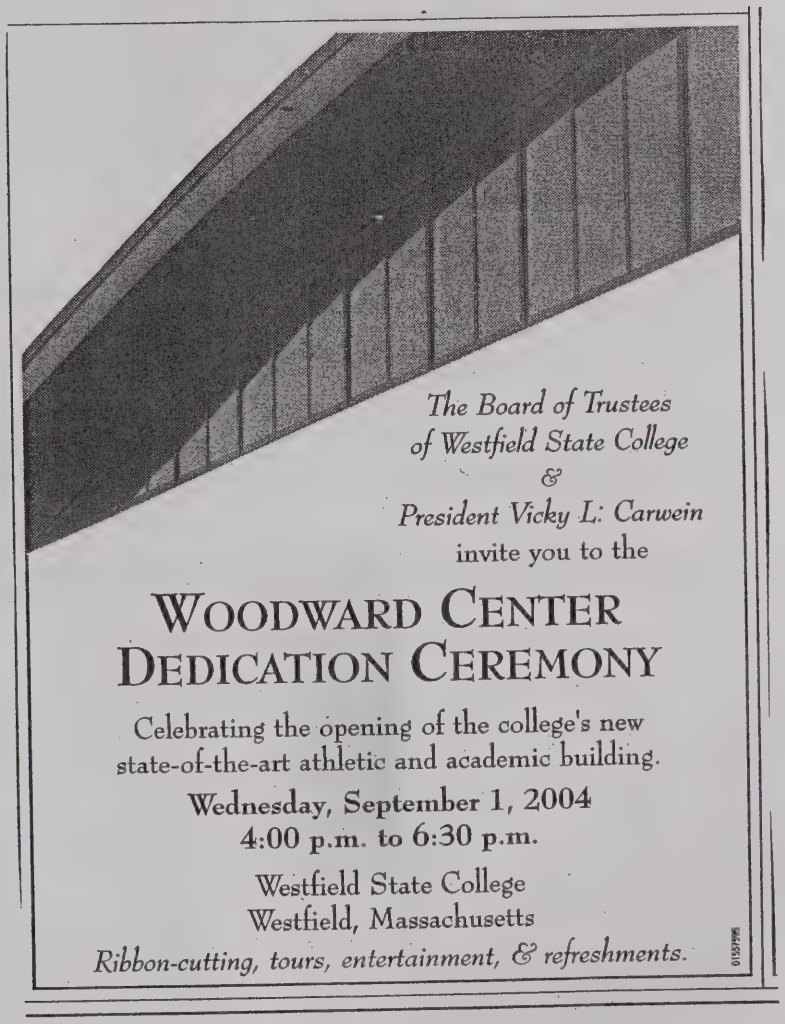

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2003-2004

CONGRATULATIONS - Westfield State College athletic trainer Rich Pierce receives his Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from NATA president Julie Max. (Photo Submitted)

Sept. 2003

Rich Pierce Receives National Recognition

By Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director

Westfield State College certified athletic trainer Rich Pierce was recently the recipient of a prestigious award at the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) annual convention in St. Louis.

Entitled the "Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award", the honor recognizes Pierce for his 30 years of dedicated and exemplary service to Westfield State, NATA, and the athletic training profession. After graduating from American University in 1973, the Wrentham, Mass., native served as the head trainer at his alma mater for four years before moving back to New England. Pierce has been the head athletic trainer at Westfield State since 1977, and was the coordinator of the college's internship athletic training program from 1978 to 1995. The Granville, Mass. resident has been the clinical education director of Westfield State's certified athletic training education program since 1999.

Pierce also has served on various state, regional and national trainers association leadership committees, including a two-year term as president of the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts (ATOM) from 1981-83. He was a founding member of ATOM and served as its first elected secretary from 1979-81. In addition, he was the secretary treasurer of the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association from 1983-87 and received the association's Cramer Products "Athletic Trainer of the Year" award in 1990.

"To be included with this group of fellow athletic trainers, several of whom I have worked with over the years, is an incredible honor for me," said Pierce, who was one of 14 recipients of the "Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award" from NATA, which encompasses trainers on the high school, collegiate and professional levels. "I would especially like to thank the three Westfield State alumni who nominated me for this award."

In attendance at the awards luncheon were his wife, Mary Ann Fernandez, and two of the alumni: Frank Mastrangelo ('91) and Stu Lempke ('88). Mastrangelo is the director of student life at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., and Lempke is the assistant trainer of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes. The Westfield State athletic training alumni mentored by Pierce now number 64, including Don Del Negro ('84), the Boston Bruins' head trainer.

"We feel very fortunate to have someone with Rich's experience and expertise," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "Not only does he provide our athletes with top-notch care, but he has an outstanding athletic trainer program that is highly respected and which has produced many outstanding trainers."

2003-2004

Westfield State PEP RALLY!!!

Sept 2003

Thursday, Sept. 11
8:00, Campus Green

Support The Owls Varsity Teams

Prizes

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Music

Rick Martin Scholarship Golf Outing

Tekoa CC, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.
Shotgun start, scramble format

$85 includes 18 holes w/cart, prime rib dinner, raffle prizes

Proceeds benefit Rick Martin Scholarship Fund

Contact Brent Bean (X5636) or Rich Sutter (X5509) for details.

Athletics Seeks Grad Assistant

The athletics department is accepting applications for a part-time graduate assistant for the fall of 2003.

Responsibilities include assisting in monitoring the academic progress of student-athletes, advising student-athletes, communicating with coaches, coordinating the athletics department study halls and assisting with other duties assigned with the CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

The assistantship provides tuition remission for six credit hours and a stipend of $1,000, and requires only 7-8 hours of service weekly. The recipient must be a matriculated Westfield State graduate student enrolled in at least six credit hours.

Contact Nancy Bals at 572-5515.

2003-2004

Kick Off Season Friday Night At Home

Owls Have Talent To Compete

The Owls will be challenged to duplicate their outstanding accomplishments of the past two football seasons, losing an exceptional senior class of 16 players.

But they still should be strong contenders for the New England Football Conference championship.

Westfield State posted an 18-4 record during the past two years, including two Bogan Division championships, an NEFC title and NCAA Tournament berth in 2001, and an ECAC playoff bid last season.

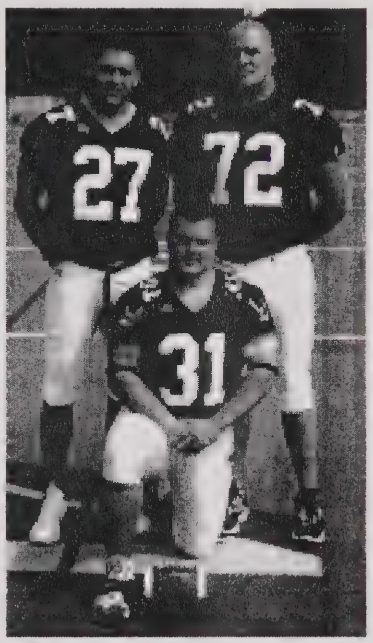
Westfield's dominating Blue-Collar defense, which led the nation in total defense in 2001 and 2002, only has three returning starters: fifth-year senior linebacker Mike Hurteau, senior tackle Stevie Faniel, and junior end Jessie Holmes. Hurteau and Faniel were both second team all-conference selections in 2001, and Holmes has All New England potential.

The Owls don't expect to duplicate their defensive domination of the past two seasons, but they should be solid defensively as numerous underclassmen received valuable playing time because of injuries to the senior starters throughout last season. The Westfield coaching staff is primarily concerned with rebuilding the defensive secondary that ranked second nationally in pass defense in 2001 and 2002.

The offense could carry the Owls in 2003. They have six returning starters, including the potent senior passing tandem of quarterback Chris Lapointe and standout receiver Matt Yvon, who is worthy of preseason All America consideration.

Yvon, a second team All-East Region and first team NEFC selection, set school records in 2002 for most receptions (73) and most receiving touchdowns (12). Lapointe, a first-team NEFC pick, set nine school passing records in 2003. The 6-4, 250 pounder completed 146 of 304 passes for 1,784 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Also returning is junior tailback Don Jones, who rushed for 953 yards on 264 carries and scored seven touchdowns. Senior center Rob Byrne, a four-year starter, was second team All New England and first team all-conference in 2002. Senior tackle Pete Feeley was second team all-conference last season.



Westfield State football captains are Mike Hurteau (31), Matt Yvon (27), and Pete Feeley (72). The Owls open their season Friday, Sept. 12, when they host WNEC at 7:00.

Sept 2003

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Volleyball vs. WNEC, 6:00
Field Hockey vs. Elms, 7:00
Friday, Sept. 12
Football vs. WNEC, 7:00
Saturday, Sept. 13
Field Hockey vs. MIT, 12:00
Men's Soccer vs. Skidmore, 3:00

2003-2004

Women's Soccer Shuts Out Elms

Sept 2003

Women's Soccer
Westfield State 4 – Elms 0

WESTFIELD – Freshman forward Kate McMillan of Belchertown tallied two goals in Westfield State's 4-0 soccer victory over Elms College on Sept. 9.

Westfield is 1-0-1 while Elms dropped to 0-2.

The Owls scored a pair of goals in the opening 14 minutes of each half. Also scoring were senior Jess Silva and Katie O'Brien.

Westfield outshot the Blazers, 24-4.

Women's Soccer
Westfield 1 – Johnson & Wales 1

PROVIDENCE – The Westfield State women's soccer team tied Johnson & Wales for the second straight season in the opener. Last year the teams played to a scoreless deadlock.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute on Tara McDonough's goals that was set up by Silva's corner kick. J & W scored in the 83rd minute on a penalty kick.

Women's Volleyball
WNEC 3 – Westfield 2

WESTFIELD – Western New England College outlasted Westfield State, 3-2, in women's volleyball action on Sept. 9.

The game scores were: 30-25, 25-30, 30-22, 24-30, 15-8. It was the second straight five-game setback for the 0-2 Owls. WNEC is 1-3.

Sophomore Renee Ruiz of West Springfield had 14 kills and five assists for the Owls, while senior co-captain Leah Schmidt had eight kills and four service aces. Amy Svatik was credited with 21 digs.

Men's Soccer
Western Conn. 2 – Westfield 0

DANBURY, Conn. – The Western Connecticut State men's soccer team improved to 4-1 following its 2-0 shutout of Westfield State on Sept. 10.

The Colonials opened the scoring in the 13th minute when senior forward David Forero blasted a shot into the top left corner from 35 yards out. It was his 34th career goal, just eight shy of the school record.

Thirty-four minutes into the second half, Western Conn. tallied an insurance goal on Bradley Fidler's team-leading fourth goal of the season. Fidler gathered a loose ball that caromed off the Owls' defense and placed the ball in the back of the net.

Brian Ginisi (2 saves) and Nick Beauchamp (4 saves) split time in goal for the 0-2 Owls.

Men's Soccer
Springfield 2 – Westfield 1, OT

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State men's soccer team dropped a 2-1 double overtime decision to Springfield College in its season opener on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The Owls tied the score with 19:11 left in regulation on Jay Chelo's blast from 30 yards out inside the left post.

Senior Ryan Lavner tallied the game-winning goal in the third minute of the second OT. Lavner drilled the game winner from 20 yards out following a nice chip pass over a Westfield defender from Mark Buschini.

The Owls outshot Springfield, 11-9.

Field Hockey
WNEC 3 – Westfield State 2

SPRINGFIELD – Freshman Allison Jameson scored two goals as WNEC opened its season with a 3-0 victory over Westfield State.

Freshman Stephanie Gilbert gave the Golden Bears a 1-0 lead with a goal on her first collegiate shot at the 25:10 mark of the opening half.

Westfield outshot WNEC, 15-12, and also led in penalty corners, 8-2.

Field Hockey
Owls Finish Fourth In Invite

SPRINGFIELD – The Westfield State field hockey team finished fourth in the Springfield College Invitational, losing both games by a goal.

The Owls fell to Springfield, 2-1, in the opener and lost to Endicott, 4-3, in overtime in the consolation contest.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead over Springfield on senior Theresa Yacovone's goal with 1:38 left in the first half.

The Pride tied the score off a penalty corner with 25:34 left in the game, then scored the winning goal with 11:33 remaining.

Westfield keeper Kendra Newell made 12 saves.

In the consolation game, the teams traded leads four times. Trailing early 1-0, the Owls took a 2-1 halftime lead on goals from Yacovone and Laura Scott.

Endicott tied the score 24 seconds into the second half, then took a 3-2 lead with 6:36 left in regulation. The Owls sent the game into overtime when Yacovone scored with eight seconds remaining.

Endicott quickly put an end to the game, however, by scoring 1:17 into the overtime.

Westfield was outshot, 17-12.

2003-2004

WSC RED CARPET TREAMENT - The Westfield State College competition and football cheering squads led the red carpet treatment at the Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Sept. 6 in Springfield. Top photo: Former Boston Celtic Robert Parish - a 2003 inductee - acknowledges the cheers as he makes his way down the carpet. Bottom photo: Hall of Fame and UCLA legends Bill Walton and Kareem Abdul Jabaar enjoy some time together before the ceremonies. *Photos By Mickey Curtis*

2003-2004

Antique Car Parade Is Feature Of Family Weekend

Sept 2003

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Westfield State College hosts its annual Family Weekend at the Western Avenue campus with two outstanding events scheduled at the Alumni Field athletics complex.

At 1:00 p.m., the Owls' football team kicks off against rival Fitchburg State in a key New England Football Conference matchup.

An inaugural antique car parade and cruise afternoon will take place that day as well, with the car parade beginning at 12:30 p.m. from the Mestek parking lot on North Elm Street in Westfield and winding its way through downtown and up to the Western Avenue campus.

The antique car parade will go through the main gates of Alumni Field and parade around the field before parking the vintage automobiles beside the north goalpost practice field. Fans are encouraged to stroll out to the adjoining field and look over these classic cars. At halftime, the cars will once again parade around the football field. Each fan will then vote for his/her favorite car. Awards will be given to the car enthusiasts.

The public is welcome to attend the football game and see this spectacular antique car show at Alumni Field on Sept. 27.

Those who wish to enter an antique car in the parade are asked to call Gary for more information at 562-1346. There is no car registration or fee, awards and trophies will be given, and there is free admission to the game for those in the car show. Cars are asked to meet at the Mestek parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

Members of the Westfield State College football cheering squad show off two of the cars that will appear in the antique car parade at the Owls' home football game on Sept. 27. Kneeling is Megan Dickinson. Standing, left to right, are: Laura Peverley, Erin Molloy, Amelia Ahlen and Laura Greene. *Photo By David Harris-Fried*

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Volleyball Places 2nd At WNEC Invitational

Sept 2003

SPRINGFIELD – The Westfield State women's volleyball team finished second in the eight-team WNEC Invitational held Sept. 12-13.

The Owls won each of their first three matches in five sets, defeating WNEC, Framingham State, and St. Joseph, Conn. The Owls took the opening two games in each of the matches,.

In the championship game, a tall and talented Amherst team swept Westfield, 30-12, 30-14, 30-19.

Senior Leah Schmidt of West Springfield was named to the All-Tournament team. The Owls' outside hitter/defensive specialist totaled 32 kills, seven aces, and 27 digs in four matches.

Sophomore first-year players Renee Ruiz and Lindsay Skaret had 26 and 25 kills, respectively. Rachel Allgaier finished with 59 assists and Amy Svatik had 88 digs.

"The team played well," said first-year coach Fred Glanville. "We are going to be a much better team as the season progresses."

Leah Schmidt was selected the Mass. State Conference volleyball player of the week for leading the Owls to a second-place finish at the WNEC Invitational. The senior outside hitter/defensive specialist amassed 40 kills, 31 digs and 11 aces in four games. *David Harris-Fried File Photo*

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September 22, 2003

Football Squad Handles WNEC In Opener, 26-3

WESTFIELD – Junior tailback Don Jones (Springfield/Central High School) rushed for three touchdowns and 138 yards on 23 carries in Westfield State's 26-3 season opening football victory over Westfield New England College.

Looking in midseason form, the Owls scored on their first two possessions in a game in which there were no turnovers for either team. Jones capped a 10-play, 82-yard opening drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge. The 5-6, 200-pounder then completed a nine-play, 64-yard drive with an 11-yard scamper to for a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

The Westfield passing game also looked sharp, led by the senior tandem of quarterback Chris Lapointe and receiver Matt Yvon (East Longmeadow). Lapointe completed 9 of 11 first half passes, including a beautiful 60-yard scoring strike to Yvon for a 20-0 Westfield lead with 9:37 left in the first half. For the game, the 6-4, 250-pound signal caller from Millers Falls completed 11 of 17 passes for 205 yards. Yvon had five receptions for 126 yards, all in the first half.

"I thought it was a pretty good season opener for us," said veteran head coach Steve Marino. "We executed well at the start, but I have to give WNEC crediting for not packing it in. They (WNEC) had us on our heels there for awhile in the second half before we finally regrouped."

The Owls capped the scoring on a one-yard TD run by Jones early in the fourth quarter. Jones handled the ball on all but one play of the 65-yard drive, rushing eight times for 64 yards.

WNEC, which closed the first half with a 30-yard field goal by Loren Estabrook, made things interesting in the second half with a hurry-up offense. Held to only 36 yards rushing on 23 carries in the first half, the Golden Bears rushed for 106 net yards on 26 carries in the final two quarters.

Junior running back Mike Laroche (Berlin, Conn.) finished with 112 rushing yards on 28 carries.

Junior defensive end Jessie Holmes of Springfield Central High School had a monster game for the Owls with 14 tackles, including three sacks for losses totaling 30 yards. Holmes made two key sacks when WNEC was threatening to score in the third quarter.

"Jessie could be the next great defensive player for us," said Marino.

Jessie Holmes was named the New England Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his outstanding play in the Owls' 26-3 victory over local rival WNEC. The junior end from Springfield recorded 14 tackles, including six primary stops. He had four tackles for losses totaling 36 yards, including three sacks for 30 yards in losses.

Cross Country Opens Season

Sept 2003

NORTH DARTMOUTH – The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams opened their seasons by competing in the UMass Dartmouth Invitational on Sept. 20.

The Westfield women finished 16th in the 28-team meet with 434 points. Trinity placed first with 56 points, followed by Amherst with 83.

Sophomore Heather Wenninger was Westfield's top runner, finishing 46th with a time of 19:50 over the 3.1 mile layout. Freshman Stephanie Guy placed 95th (20:47), followed by sophomore Sheila Mulherin (99th, 20:52), and freshman Alison Wesolowski (100th, 20:52).

Springfield College's Marissa Clapp was the individual champion with a time of 17:24.

In the men's meet, the Owls placed 16th out of 26 teams with 455 points. Amherst College edged Tufts for the team title, 64-65.

Matt Frederick was Westfield's top runner, finishing 50th with a time of 27:40. Geoff Churchill placed 82nd in 28:35.

UMass Dartmouth sophomore Abdulgani Abdi was the individual winner in 25:08.

VIEWS FROM THE INSIDE: Left Photo: Athletics director Ken Magarian and vice president of student affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson inspect the main floor area of new field house that will feature three courts encircled by an official running track. Three observation areas on the second floor overlook the track and courts. Right photo: A view of Alumni Field from the athletic department offices. The building is on schedule to be completed Jan. 13, 2004. *Photos By Mickey Curtis*

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Football Owls Fall To Nichols

Sept 2003

By Mickey Curtis, SID

DUDLEY – Nichols College avenged three losses in the past two years to Westfield State by rallying for a 33-28 victory over the Owls in a New England Football Conference nondivisional game Sept. 20.

It was the first victory of the season for the Bison after losses to Worcester State and Bridgewater State. The Owls were 1-1 heading into their home game Saturday, Sept. 27, vs. divisional foe Fitchburg State.

"I wasn't disappointed with your effort; I'm just disappointed because I thought this was a game that we should have won," Westfield State coach Steve Marino told his team after the setback at the Bison Bowl during Nichols' Homecoming Weekend.

The Owls dominated several statistical categories, running 82 plays to Nichols' 55, and converting 13 of 19 third-down plays to Nichols' 1 of 8 third-down conversions. But the Owls had a number of breakdowns defensively and allowed Nichols to rush for 225 yards. In addition, Westfield committed two key turnovers while the Bison were turnover free.

The tough loss also overshadowed a fine effort by Owl quarterback Chris Lapointe, who completed 22 of 48 passes – both school records – for 212 yards and two touchdowns. Last year the Millers Falls native set a school record with five touchdown passes vs. Nichols.

Nichols, which also was aided by a strong kicking game, took a 3-0 lead late in the first quarter on a 22-yard field goal by Matt Cestone.

Westfield took a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter when sophomore fullback Mark Puchalski of Frontier Regional capped a 12-play, 70-yard drive with a nine-yard run.

Nichols took the ensuing kickoff and marched 60 yards for a touchdown in six plays, scoring on a fourth down pass from the five-yard line. The conversion kick hit the right upright and was no good.

Nichols led 12-7 when Cestone booted a 34-yard field goal as time expired in the first half. The score was set up on a 31-yard interception return.

The Bison went ahead 19-7 midway through the third quarter with another short scoring drive, this one covering 42 yards in four plays, capped by Anthony Smith's three-yard touchdown run. Smith finished with 181 yards on 30 carries.

Westfield struck for two quick scores to take a 22-19 lead with 2:29 left in the third quarter. A 19-yard scoring strike from Lapointe to Matt Yvon capped a 10-play, 75-yard drive.

On the ensuing series, Westfield sophomore defensive back Jay Abair blocked a Nichols punt and standout end Jessie Holmes scooped up the loose ball and raced 19 yards for a touchdown. Lapointe ran for the two-point conversion.

Nichols regained the lead, 26-22, midway through the fourth quarter on a three-play, 66-yard drive. On the first play, quarterback Michael Carvin threw a perfectly placed pass to Daragh McCann just over the outstretched hand of a defender near the Westfield 40. When the two Westfield defenders collided on the play, McCann ran across the field before being brought down at the one-yard line. Smith scored two plays later from one yard out.

For the game, Carvin completed 4 of 11 passes for 92 yards, with 65 coming on the McCann pass-run play.

Nichols took a 33-22 lead a minute later when Puchalski's partially blocked punt out of the endzone was returned 38 yards for a touchdown by Ben Karter.

The Owls did make it interesting in the final seven minutes. They closed to within, 33-28, with 3:22 remaining on a six-yard pass from Lapointe to Yvon that capped a 12-play, 65-yard drive.

On the next series, the Westfield defense stopped Nichols on a fourth-and-one and the Owls took over at their own 29 with 2:05 and no timeouts remaining. But hopes of a dramatic finish quickly diminished as Yvon hauled in a 12-yard completion on first down, took several steps, but fumbled the ball when he was hit by J.C. Falaise. Nichols recovered the fumble and ran out the clock.

Yvon finished with nine receptions for 111 yards and David Trueira had seven receptions for 59 yards. Don Jones rushed for 91 tough yards on 27 carries, a 3.4 average.

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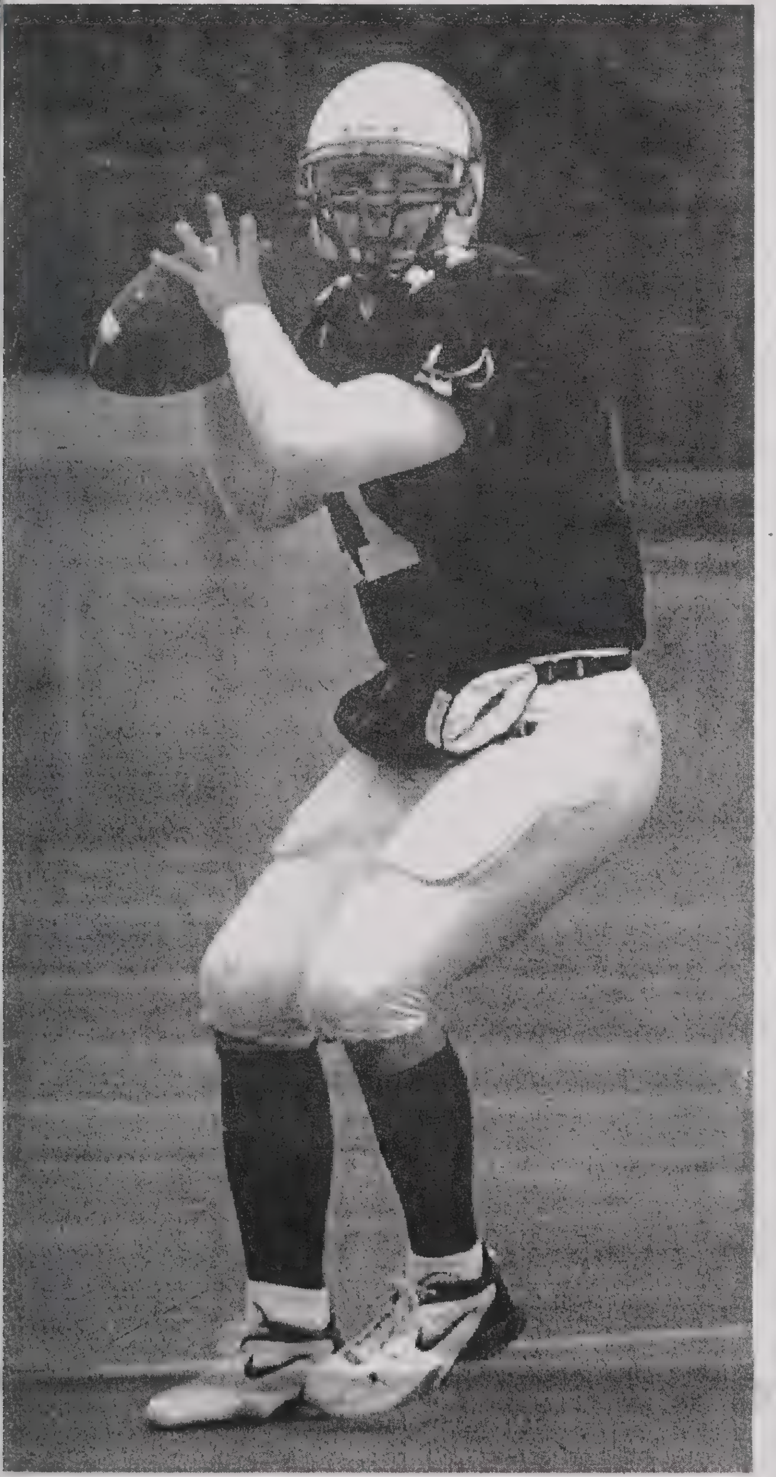

Westfield State quarterback Chris Lapointe set school records for most passes attempted (48) and completed (22) in a game vs. Nichols College. *David Harris-Fried File Photo*

Soccer, Field Hockey Roundups

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Women's Soccer

Keene State 1 - Westfield State 0

WESTFIELD - The Owls of Keene State College scored with 25 minutes remaining to edge the Owls of Westfield State, 1-0, in women's soccer action on Sept. 17.

Keene improved to 4-2 while Westfield fell to 1-2-2.

Keene outshot Westfield, 10-5.

Field Hockey

Becker College 1 - Westfield 0

WESTFIELD - Becker College scored five minutes into the second overtime to edge the Westfield State field hockey team, 1-0, on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 17.

Westfield remains winless at 0-5 while Becker improved to 3-1.

Men's Soccer

Skidmore 1 - Westfield 0

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State men's soccer team lost to Skidmore College of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 1-0, on Sept. 13.

Skidmore improved to 3-2 while the Owls remained winless at 0-3.

Will Mudge scored the game's only goal on a penalty kick in the 65th minute.

Westfield was outshot, 10-8.

Women's Soccer

Westfield 1 – Western Conn. 1

DANBURY, Conn. –

The Owls tied the score with 31 seconds remaining in regulation on a goal by freshman Soph Myers. The game-tying kick came from 40 yards out and just got underneath the crossbar.

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Silva's Shot Lifts Owls Past RIC

Women's Soccer Sept 2003

Westfield 1 – Rhode Isl. College 0

WESTFIELD – Senior tri-captain Jess Silva scored on a breakaway with 20:05 remaining in the game to lead the Westfield State women's soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Rhode Island College on Sept. 24.

The Owls' record moved to 2-3-1 following the nonconference victory. RIC is 3-5.

Silva's game-winning shot from 25 yards out sailed just inside the right post. Freshman Sophia Myers assisted on the play, which developed near midfield.

Westfield was outshot, 9-6. Goalie Natalia Araszkiewicz had three saves.

Women's Soccer

MIT 4 - Westfield State 1

CAMBRIDGE - MIT overcame a 1-0 first-half deficit to defeat Westfield State, 4-1, in women's soccer action Sept. 20.

MIT improved to 3-1-1.

The Owls took a 1-0 lead six minutes into the game on an unassisted goal by senior A.J. DelMonte of Chicopee.

MIT tied the score five minutes into the second half, then tallied three goals in the game's final seven minutes.

Araszkiewicz made 12 saves.

Women's Volleyball

Westfield State 3 – Anna Maria 0

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State women's volleyball team coasted to a 3-0 victory (30-14, 30-12, 30-17) over Anna Maria College on Sept. 24.

Sophomore Lindsay Skaret - a 6-0 first-year player from East Hartland, Conn. - led Westfield's balanced attack with eight kills and seven aces. Senior Sarah Lund blocked four shots.

Men's Soccer

Keene State 3 - Westfield State 0

KEENE, N.H. – Keene State blanked Westfield State, 3-0, in men's soccer action on Sept. 24.

Keene improved to 6-3 while Westfield remains winless at 0-5.

Keene scored its first goal with 37 seconds left in the first half, then took a 2-0 lead 26 seconds into the second half. The host team added a final goal with just under four minutes remaining.

Westfield was outshot, 19-8.

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Yvon Provides Heroics

Owls Outlast Fitchburg, 30-27

By Mickey Curtis

WESTFIELD – Senior Matt Yvon (East Longmeadow) kicked a game-winning 31-yard field goal with 13 second remaining, and caught 11 passes for a school record 257 yards and two touchdowns as Westfield State outlasted Fitchburg State, 30-27, in a wild New England Football Conference game on Sept. 27.

The Owls, 2-1 overall, withstood a furious Fitchburg fourth-quarter comeback to win the Bogan Division opener for both teams. The Falcons, 1-2, outscored Westfield 24-10 in the fourth quarter after trailing 20-3.

Yvon's first career field goal attempt came after the 1-2 Falcons had tied the score, 27-27, on a 23-yard field goal just inside the right upright from Trevaor Smith with 2:02 remaining.

Led by the spectacular duo of Yvon and senior quarterback Chris Lapointe of Miller Falls, who completed 21 of 39 passes for four touchdowns and a school record 390 passing yards, the Owls drove 67 yards in 11 plays in the last two minutes to set up the game-winning field goal.

After Fitchburg called its final timeout in an attempt to ice Yvon, the standout senior's boot from the right hashmark went just inside the left upright to clinch the victory.

"We practice that kick every day and it was just routine," said Yvon. "It was a good snap and a good hold."

Westfield scored its only touchdown of the second half on its first offensive play following a two-yard touchdown run by Brian Milleison that closed Fitchburg to within three points, 20-17, with 7:11 remaining. Lapointe rifled a pass down the left sideline to Yvon, who got by the defender and scored on a 78-yard pass-run play for a 27-17 Westfield lead with 6:50 remaining.

Three Westfield State records were set on the big pass play, including most passing yards in a game, most receiving yards in a game, and most receiving yards in a career. Yvon now has 2,824 career receiving yards to break the previous record of 2,782 by Greenfield's Tim Peters ('94).

"Chris Lapointe and Matt Yvon are both just playing at higher level than everybody else right now," said Westfield State coach Steve Marino.

"Chris was in a rhythm today," said Yvon. "His short passing game was working, then he found the voids deeper in their secondary and began attacking. I wasn't worried about how he was doing; I just wanted to win."

Fitchburg didn't fold, however, and scored on a 10-yard pass from Mike Mowatt to Carmy Cesaire with 4:59 remaining to cap a five-play, 78-yard drive.

Cesaire, a senior from Westminster, Mass., set a school record on the TD with his 13th reception in the game. He also had 170 receiving yards, one shy of the school record.

Fitchburg then got the ball right back when Westfield's Don Jones fumbled on the first play following the kickoff and Fitchburg recovered at the Westfield 38. Eight plays later Smith booted his 23-yard field goal to tie the score at 27-27.

The Owls led 20-3 at halftime as Lapointe threw three touchdown passes: a 43-yarder to Yvon to open the scoring, and second-quarter scoring strikes of 9 and 6 yards to junior Dave Trueira (Wilmington), who finished with six catches for 86 yards.

Westfield appeared to have the game put away when sophomore defensive back Jay Abair (Ludlow) returned an interception 26 yards for an apparent touchdown with 14:27 left in the game. But the interception return that would have given the Owls a 26-3 lead was nullified when Westfield was penalized for roughing the quarterback.

"We just fell apart defensively after that interception was called back," said Marino.

Milleisen, a junior transfer from Division II Millersville, Pa., University, rushed for 136 yards on 30 carries for the Falcons. Mowatt, who replaced injured starting quarterback Corey Hetherman in the first quarter, completed 16 of 34 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns.

Matt Yvon acknowledges the cheers after setting two school records during his 78-yard touchdown reception in the Owls' 30-27 victory over Fitchburg State.

Photo By Nancy Bals

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Weekly Roundup

Women's Volleyball
Westfield 3 - Mass.College 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team swept conference rival Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in three sets (30-20, 30-22, 30-17) on Oct. 1.

The Owls are 6-5 overall and 1-1 in the Mass. State Conference. MCLA is 5-8 overall and 1-2 in league play.

Sophomore Lindsay Skaret - a 6-0 first-year player from East Hartland, Conn. - recorded 10 kills and two blocks. Senior Leah Schmidt of West Springfield finished with eight service aces and six kills. Junior libero player Amy Svatik had 10 digs.

Women's Soccer
Brandeis 3 - Westfield State 0

WALTHAM - Brandeis University sophomore midfielder Jillian Peo (Stow, Mass.) notched her first career multiple-goal game as the undefeated Judges improved to 8-0 by whitewashing Westfield State, 3-0, on Sept. 30.

Field Hockey
Fitchburg 3 - Westfield 0

FITCHBURG - Fitchburg State scored three second-half goals to defeat Westfield State, 3-0, in field hockey conference action Oct. 1.

Westfield is 0-7 as it suffered its fifth straight shutout setback. Fitchburg evened its record at 3-3.

Senior Serena St. George scored Fitchburg's first two goals and added an assist on the final goal.

Westfield was outshot, 13-5. Owl goalie Kendra Newell made 10 saves.

Cross Country

WENHAM – The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams finished fourth and sixth, respectively, in the Pop Crowell Invitational hosted by Gordon College on Sept. 27.

The Westfield men totaled 104 points in the 16-team meet, trailing first place Roger Williams College (57), Mississippi College (84) and Gordon (98).

Matt Frederick (11th place) was the Owls' top runner, followed by Geoff Churchill (12th), Andrew Barron (22nd), and Joe Fiorini (27th).

Roger Williams also won the women's meet, placing five runners in the top 10 for 33 points. Gordon was second with 74 points while Westfield had 163.

Freshman Stephanie Guy (13th) was the Owls' No. 1 runner, followed by Aimee Worcester (31st), Alison Wesolowski (38th), and KellyRose O'Brien (39th).

Men's Soccer Cruises To Two Wins

Men's Soccer
Westfield 4 - Albertus Magnus 1

WESTFIELD - Westfield State struck for four first-half goals to stun Albertus Magnus, 4-1, in men's soccer action on Oct. 1.

The 2-5 Owls won their second straight while Albertus is 6-3.

Junior Jeff Whittaker of Southwick and freshman Dave Nalewanski of Easthampton each tallied two goals and an assist. The Owls scored twice in the first seven minutes, and four of their first five shots were goals.

Whittaker opened the scoring six minutes into the game as he one-timed a nice cross from Nalewanski that came from the far right corner. Nalewanski scored two minutes later on a beautiful header on a Whittaker corner kick.

Nalewanski scored midway through the first half on a breakaway, and Whittaker capped Westfield's scoring in the 32nd minute on a rebound off the Albertus goalie.

Westfield outshot Albertus, 16-3. Brian Ginisi played in the first half to earn the victory between the pipes; he made two excellent saves in succession on Albertus' only scoring threats in the first half.

Men's Soccer
Westfield 7 – Newbury 0

BROOKLINE – The Westfield State men's soccer team broke out of an early season slump by routing Newbury College, 7-0, on Sept. 27.

The victory was the first of the season for the 1-5 Owls, who were shut out in four of their first five games. Newbury is 2-6-1, including a 2-1 victory over Mass. Maritime Academy, a conference foe of Westfield State.

Junior midfielder Jeff Whittaker of Southwick scored two of the first three goals for the Owls, who jumped out to a 6-0 halftime lead. Senior Jay Chelo of Ludlow had a goal and two assists.

The Owls outshot Newbury, 42-7.

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Yvon Garners Gold Helmet

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By Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director

Westfield State senior wide receiver/placekicker Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow (Springfield Cathedral High School) was named the recipient of the Gold Helmet Award (New England Division II/III Player of the Week) for leading the Owls to a 30-27 New England Football Conference victory over Fitchburg State on Sept. 27.

Yvon kicked a game-winning 31 yard field goal with 13 seconds left, and also set two more school receiving records in the wild win over Fitchburg State. The 6-2, 215 pounder had 11 receptions for a school record 257 yards. He now has 2,824 career receiving yards to surpass another school record in the game.

Yvon had touchdown receptions of 43 and 78 yards. He scored a total of 18 points as he was 1-for-1 in PAT kicking attempts and ran for a two-point conversion on a reverse play.

Yvon finished the game with 304 all-purpose yards as he had three punt returns to 47 yards. In addition, he played as a defensive back on several red-zone situations.

Yvon, who is also a member of the Westfield State basketball team, holds school career records for pass receptions (178) and touchdown receptions (31). He ranks second on the Owls' all-time scoring list with 200 points, 22 shy of the school record.

Yvon is the second Westfield State player in the past two years to garner the prestigious Gold Helmet Award. Senior quarterback Chris Lapointe of Millers Falls was a New England Player of the Week last September when he threw a school record five touchdown passes vs. Nichols.

Lapointe also had a monster game vs. Fitchburg State as he completed 21 of 39 passes for four touchdowns and a school record 390 passing yards. The 6-4, 250 pound signal caller also set school records for pass completions (22) and attempts (48) two Saturdays ago vs. Nichols.

"Chris Lapointe and Matt Yvon are playing at a higher level than everybody else right now; especially Matty," said Westfield State veteran head coach Steve Marino.

The Westfield State competition cheering squad was a big hit once again during the Westfield Day parade at the Big E.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Owls Stun Worcester In Football Showdown, 21-19

By Mickey Curtis

WORCESTER - For the third consecutive year Westfield State and Worcester State staged a classic New England Football Conference clash with the Owls outlasting the Lancers, 21-19.

Westfield improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC with the huge road victory. Worcester is 3-2 overall and 0-1 in the division. The Owls edged Worcester, 34-30 in 2001, and 17-13 in 2002 on their way to clinching the divisional title both years.

"You have to start with the defense," said Westfield State veteran head coach Steve Marino. "Pete Kowalski (defensive coordinator/linebacker), Sean O'Brien (secondary), and Bob Colbert (defensive line) put together an excellent game plan to stop Worcester State. Their quarterback (Cean Oksanish) is an outstanding player.

"Who would have thought that our defense would have played like this after what happened last week (when Fitchburg State scored 24 fourth-quarter points in Westfield's 30-27 victory)," Marino continued. "I don't know how good our defense is but I do know they have heart."

After a scoreless first half, the opportunistic Owls' defense came up with two big turnovers that led to second-half touchdowns. Also, Westfield stopped Worcester State potential game-winning drives twice in the closing minutes.

Worcester State did rack up 407 yards in total offense led by Oksanish, who completed 24 of 37 passes for 284 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Oksanish now has 63 career touchdowns and 6,558 passing yards - both school records - in his outstanding four-year career.

The Owls' offense also executed the coaches' game plan to near perfection as it ran numerous sustained drives in order to keep the potent Lancer offense off the field. Westfield ran 87 plays and controlled the clock for more than 39 minutes.

Balance keyed the attack as junior Don Jones rushed for 169 yards on 36 carries and senior quarterback Chris Lapointe completed 19 of 40 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns. Also, Westfield committed no turnovers and was only penalized four times for 45 yards.

"Don Jones played like a man today," said Marino. "And our offensive line did an excellent job with two starters out with injuries."

Worcester State took a 7-0 lead after returning the second-half kickoff 50 yards to the Westfield 34. Five plays later, Greg Wood scored on a 20-yard run. Wood - Worcester's all-time leading rusher - finished with 110 yards on 27 carries.

The Owls took the ensuing kickoff, which was returned by B.J. Holleran to midfield, and drove 50 yards in 12 plays to tie the score at 7-7. The touchdown came on a sensational one-handed grab by star wide receiver Matt Yvon in the right corner of the endzone on a fourth-down play.

Westfield took a 14-7 lead on a touchdown that was set up when linebacker Mike Hurteau intercepted a pass that was batted high into the air at the line of scrimmage. The Owls drove 51 yards in seven plays with David Trueira scoring on a six-yard reception. Trueira had a team-high nine receptions for 87 yards.

"We got a big game from David Trueira," said Marino, who noted that Yvon was sidelined for a while with an ankle sprain.

Worcester made the score 14-13 with 32 seconds left in the third quarter when Oksanish's 10-yard touchdown pass to Lavon Cuyler capped a seven-play, 76-yard drive.

In another big defensive play by the Owls, linebacker Matt Wooliver slipped through a seam to easily block the extra point attempt.

In what may have been the biggest play of the game, Westfield linebacker Dave Granados recovered a fumble at the Worcester 30-yard line early in the fourth quarter. The fumble occurred when Oksanish threw a pass behind the line of scrimmage that was dropped and ruled a lateral.

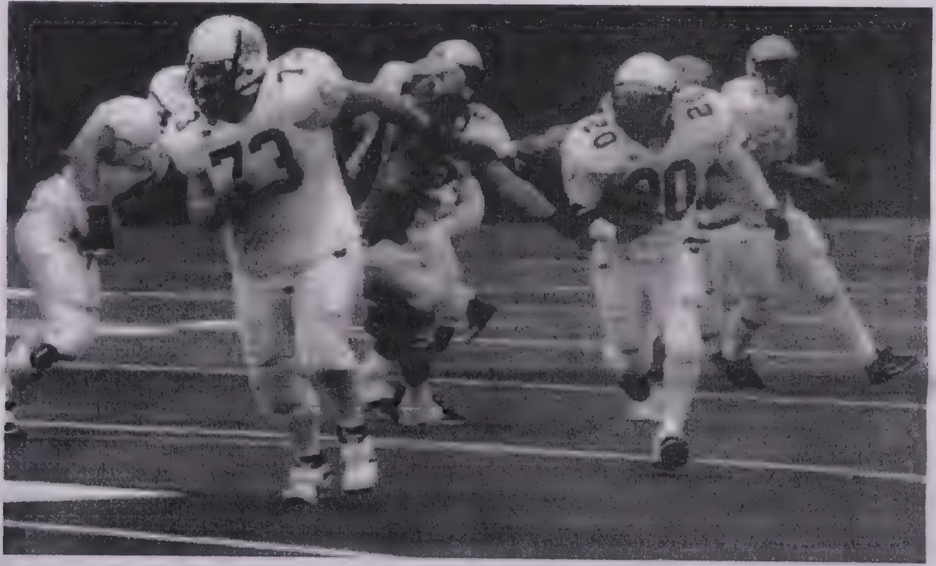
It took the Owls 11 plays to drive the 30 yards, with Yvon scoring on another fourth-down pass, this one coming on a slant over the middle from 10 yards. The multi-faceted Yvon easily split the uprights for the third consecutive time to give Westfield a 21-13 lead with 9:21 remaining.

The Lancers received good field position again on a kickoff as they began a drive at the Westfield 44, and scored four plays later on a 22-yard reception in the far left corner of the endzone by Cuyler. The pass failed on the all-important two-point conversion attempt and Westfield led, 21-19, with 7:57 remaining.

The Lancers drove into Westfield territory twice in the closing minutes. They gave up the ball on downs at the Owl 45 with 2:34 remaining; however, the Westfield offense was only able to run 27 seconds off the clock as it threw two incomplete passes.

Worcester began the final drive at its own 10 with 2:07 remaining, and *quickly drove 54 yards for a* first down at the Westfield 36 with 1:23 remaining.

But the Owls got a big defensive play when they threw Wood for a four-yard loss on first down. Oksanish then threw two incompletions and was sacked by standout defensive end Jessie Holmes on fourth down.



Don Jones, with a block from offensive lineman John Kelley, runs for a big gain in the Owls' big victory at Worcester State. Jones, a 5-6, 200-pound junior from Springfield, rushed for 169 yards on 36 carries.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Field Hockey Wins Thriller

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WESTFIELD - Westfield State's first field hockey victory of the season was tense and dramatic as the Owls edged Worcester State, 2-1, in a penalty strokeoff on Oct. 7. The game that lasted nearly two and a half hours with senior Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow recording the game-winning goal on the fourth shot of the sudden-death third series of strokeoffs.

After a scoreless first half, Yacovone scored on a scramble near the goal with 19:52 left in the second half; Laura Scott assisted on the play. Worcester tied the game with 3:49 left in regulation on a goal from Andrea McAllister off a penalty corner.

Both teams were held scoreless in the two 15-minute overtime stanzas. In the first series of penalty strokes, both teams scored twice in five attempts. In the second series of strokeoffs, both teams also scored twice with Westfield battling back from a 2-0 deficit on successful penalty strokes by Stacey Watt and Renee Gahan.

In the sudden death third series, Westfield freshman Kate Anderson scored on the first attempt as did Worcester's Courtney Vogel, who tallied her third successful penalty stroke.

On the fourth attempt, Yacovone snuck a shot between the goalie's pads, with the ball coming to a stop just across the goal line. Westfield goalie Kendra Newell then made a kick save on Worcester's fourth attempt to clinch the conference victory.

Women's Volleyball

Westfield 3 - Mass Maritime 0

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State women's volleyball team blanked Mass. Maritime Academy, 3-0 (30-18, 30-21, 30-17) on Oct. 7.

The Owls improved to 8-5 overall and 2-1 in the Mass. State Conference with their third straight victory.

Amy Svatik (15 digs), Lindsay Skaret (15 kills), and Rachel Allgaier (29 assists, 3 aces) paced Westfield.

Women's Soccer

Westfield 0 - Salem State 0

WESTFIELD - Westfield State and Salem State battled to a scoreless, double overtime tie in Mass. State Conference women's soccer action Oct. 4.

The Owls are 2-4-3 overall while the Vikings are 5-1-3. Westfield outshot Salem, 6-5.

Cross Country Claims Crowns

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both finished first in the WNEC Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Westfield State won the men's meet with 24 points, followed by WNEC (44), Emerson (82), Southern Vermont (117), and Mass. College (119).

The Owls placed seven runners in the top 11. Junior Geoff Churchill won the 8,000 meter race in 28:16 and junior Matt Frederick finished a close second in 28:17.

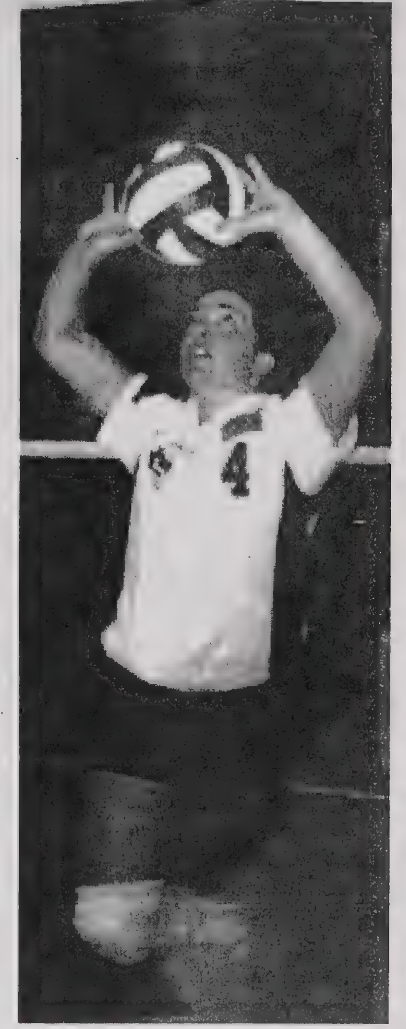
Other Owls at the head of the pack were: John Krzystofik (6th, 29:17.7), Jay Cunha (7th, 29:20), Rich Vecchione (8th, 29:21), Robert Claflin (10th, 30:09), and Andrew Barron (11th, 30:17).

The Owls also coasted in the women's meet, placing first with 23 points. WNEC was second (50), followed by Southern Vermont (68).

Westfield placed seven in the top 13, led by sophomore Heather Wenninger's winning time of 20:29 over the 5,000 meter course.

Other Westfield results included: Stephanie Guy (4th, 21:27), Sheila Mulherin (5th, 21:46), Aimee Worcester (6th, 21:51), Christine Byrne (8th, 22:11), KellyRose O'Brien (12th, 22:33), and Alison Wesolowski (13th, 22:43).

Westfield State hosted the eighth annual James Earley Invitational Oct. 11, at Stanley Park.



Westfield State senior setter Rachel Allgaier was selected to the Mass. State Conference weekly honor roll.

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Men's Soccer Cops Fourth Straight

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Men's Soccer
Westfield State 3 - Elms College 0

CHICOPEE - Senior Jay Chelo (Ludlow) tallied two goals and an assist to lead Westfield State to a 3-0 men'soccer victory over Elms College on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The Owls improved to 4-5 with their fourth straight victory.

Chelo scored with 21:24 left in the first half - a blast just inside the right post - following a nice assist from senior Jay Martins (Ludlow).

The Owls took a 2-0 lead 31 seconds into the second half on a goal by freshman Matt Ross (Wareham). Chelo capped the scoring 10 minutes later on a breakaway.

The game was much tighter than the three-goal triumph Elms just missed converting several scoring opportunities. Both teams took 16 shots.

Westfield goalie Brian Ginisi made seven saves.

Men's Soccer
Westfield 2 - Salem State 1

SALEM - Freshman forward Dave Nalewanski (Easthampton) collected a pass on the right wing from junior midfielder Jeff Whittaker (Southwick) and fired a low shot from 20 yards out to the far left corner past the dive of Salem State goalie Tim Doucette with just 56 seconds to play in the second sudden death overtime to propel the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Salem State on Oct.4.

It was the Mass. State Conference opener for both teams. Westfield improved to 3-5 overall with its third straight victory; Salem is 2-6.

The Owls opened the scoring 17 minutes into the game when senior Joe Calabrese (West Springfield) scored following Jay Chelo's (Ludlow) goal-mouth pass from the left side. Salem tied the score at the 61-minute mark.

Westfield outshot Salem, 15-0

Men's Soccer Streak Ends

WESTFIELD - Mass. Maritime Academy snapped Westfield State's seven-game win streak as it held on for a 2-1 victory Oct. 21.

Westfield is now 7-6 overall and 4-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Maritime is 6-4-4 and 1-2-2.

The Owls outshot Mass. Maritime, 20-5, including a 12-1 edge in the second half. But Mass Maritime scored the game-winning goal with 8:38 remaining on its only shot in the second half.

Westfield tied the score with 25:12 remaining in the game on a header by freshman Dave Nalewanski. Assisting were seniors Joe Calabrese and Jay Chelo.

Both of Mass. Maritime's goals came off rebounds following missed shots.

Mass. Maritime goalie Shawn Cassidy recorded 11 saves, including an excellent stop of a blast by Nalewanski several minutes after he had tied the score.

Men's Soccer
Westfield 1 - Mass. College 0

WESTFIELD - Westfield State ran its winning streak to seven straight and remained unbeaten in the Mass. State Conference with a 4-0 record as it bested local rival Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on Friday evening, Oct. 17.

The Owls, 7-5 overall, scored in the fifth minute on a goal by junior Jeff Whittaker of Southwick. Whittaker chipped the ball over the goalie's head from 15 yards out after receiving a pass from freshman Dave Nalewanski.

Women's Soccer
Westfield 2 - Mass. College 1

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State College women's soccer team posted a 2-1 conference road victory at Mass. College.

The Owls are 5-5-3 overall and 2-1-1 in the conference.

Junior Nikki Hebert scored to give the Owls a 1-0 halftime lead.

Westfield went ahead 2-0 in the 72nd minute on an unassisted goal by senior Ali Jordan following a penalty kick. Jordan's penalty boot was batted away by MCLA keeper Lori Mackenzie, but Jordan stayed with the play and was able to score on the rebound.

Westfield State senior Jay Chelo scored the game-winning goal in three consecutive contests for the men's soccer team, which is in second place in the MASCAC. They have a key conference game this Friday, Oct. 31, when they host Worcester State at 7:00 p.m.

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Senior forward Theresa Yacovone was recently named the Player of the Week in both the Little East Conference and the Mass. State Conference as she led the Owls to three straight victories. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Volleyball Improves To 14-6

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team upped its record to 14-6 with a 3-0 victory (30-15, 30-23, 30-9) over Albertus Magnus on Oct. 22.

Seniors Leah Schmidt (8 kills, 10 digs), Rachel Allgaier (28 assists, 4 aces), and Sarah Lund (6 kills, 3 blocks) paced the Owls.

Lindsay Skaret had 8 kills and Jennie Starsiak and Amy Svatik both registered seven digs.

Women's Volleyball

Westfield Sweeps Tri-Match

FRAMINGHAM - Westfield State swept a tri-match from Framingham State and Worcester State in key conference women's volleyball play on Oct. 18.

The Owls improved to 13-6 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Westfield defeated Framingham, 3-0 (31-29, 30-21, 30-20). The Owls' top performers were: Renee Ruiz (6 kills, 4 digs), Leah Schmidt (15 kills, 3 digs), Rachel Allgaier (26 assists) and Sarah Lund (7 blocks, 4 kills).

The Owls outlasted Worcester, 3-1 (30-24, 20-30, 30-27, 30-20). Contributing to the win were: Ruiz (10 kills, 9 digs, 4 aces), Amy Svatik (16 digs), Allgaier (31 assists, 2 blocks), and Lund (13 kills, 6 blocks).

Field Hockey

Keene State 1 - Westfield State 0

WESTFIELD - The Keene State Owls edged the Westfield State Owls, 1-0, in field hockey action Oct. 22.

Keene improved to 12-5 overall and 8-0 in the Little East Conference. Westfield is 3-11 and 2-6.

Salem State 2 - Westfield State 0

SALEM - The Salem State field hockey team continued its winning ways with a pair of second-half goals en route to a 2-0 conference victory over Westfied State.

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Owls Rally To Stun Bridgewater

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By Mickey Curtis

WESTFIELD - Junior Don Jones (Springfield) rushed for 189 yards on 33 carries and scored three touchdowns as Westfield State erased a 24-0 third-quarter deficit for a 27-24 comeback victory over Bridgewater State in a key New England Football Conference clash.

The Owls improved to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC with their incredible comeback victory. Bridgewater State is now 4-2 and 3-1.

"They're unbelievable," said Westfield State veteran head coach Steve Marino, who was uncharacteristically speechless in the team's post-game huddle. "I just think we out-thought ourselves in the first half, but I told the players to just go back to the things we do well."

Bridgewater entered the game with a highly potent offense, ranked first in the NEFC in scoring (41.2 points per game) and total offense (460.6). And the Bears played a nearly flawless first half as they stunned the Alumni Weekend crowd by taking a 21-0 halftime lead.

The Bears scored on their first two possessions of the game. Senior back Andy Krems (Kingston), who finished with 123 yards on 17 carries, scored both touchdowns. He rambled 70 yards for his first touchdown and scored later in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge. The second touchdown was setup when quarterback Paul Bryant completed a 42-yard pass on a 3-and-21 situation from the Westfield 49.

The Bears' third and final touchdown came with 11 seconds remaining in the first half when Bryant capped a 9-play, 67-yard drive with a 15-yard TD pass.

Bridgewater continued its offensive surge by taking the second-half kickoff and driving 50 yards in 12 plays, with Jesse Mead booting a 34-yard field goal.

But it was all Westfield State in the game's final 24 minutes as the Owls - sparked by Jones - picked up huge chunks of rushing yards and capitalized on two costly Bridgewater turnovers, which were the game's only two takeaways.

"We made some minor adjustments at halftime and told our kids to just play defense," said defensive coordinator Pete Kowalski. "Plus, we told them we were just beating ourselves in the first half. And our kids are young and aren't used to being in a big game."

"It was just a matter of us responding; we just gave up two big plays in the first half," said Westfield middle linebacker and senior captain Mike Hurteau. "And we played with an attitude in the second half and took it to them."

Furthermore, the Owls pulled off the dramatic victory without senior all-conference quarterback Chris Lapointe (Turners Falls), who was done for the day after an injury to his throwing hand with seven minutes left in the third quarter. Engineering the Owls to their four second-half scores was sophomore reserve quarterback Mike Lorenzano (Quincy), who completed 3 of 4 passes, including a 27-yard scoring strike, and rushed for a key first down late in the game.

"Mike just did a great job of running the offense," said Marino, whose team was frustrated by not being able to score in the red-zone several times in the first half. "We weren't going to change anything; we just told him to run the offense the same as Chris..."

Jones scored Westfield's first points on a four-yard run with 5:33 left in the third stanza to cap a seven-play, 65-yard drive. The pass failed for the two-point conversion.

Then came two crucial plays in the game. On the ensuing kickoff, the Bridgewater kick returner stepped out of bounds at the 4-yard line. Bryant then fumbled on the first play from scrimmage and sophomore end Justin Sargent recovered the loose ball at the four.

On fourth-and-goal from the two, Jones ran off tackle for his second TD. Lorenzano completed the 2-point conversion to Matt Yvon to make the score 24-14 with 3:16 left in the third quarter.

On its next possession, Westfield put together a lengthy drive but gave up the ball at the Bridgewater 26 when Lorenzano was sacked on fourth down.

But the Owls got the ball right back when a Bryant fumble was recovered by Hurteau at the 27. On the next play, Lorenzano rifled a 27-yard touchdown pass to David Trueira in the left corner of the end zone to make the score 24-21 with 13:15 remaining in the game.

After stopping Bridgewater on the Bears' next offensive series, the Owls put together the game-winning drive, which covered 77 yards in nine plays. Jones carried the ball six times, capped by a 26-yard touchdown run. The extra point attempt was blocked to give Westfield a 27-24 lead with 5:50 remaining.

"Don is such a battler," said Marino. "He said "give me the ball."

"I think when things get bad someone has to make the plays," said Jones. "Everybody on the team would say that in this situation."

The fired-up Westfield defense forced Bridgewater to punt once again and the Owls put together a time-consuming drive to seal the win. Following a brilliant 24-yard punt return by Yvon to the Bridgewater 42, the Owls ran 10 plays before giving up the ball on downs at the Bridgewater two-yard line with 34 seconds remaining.

The key play in the drive was a nine-yard run bootleg around right end by Lorenzano on a four-and-two from the 17.

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Former Boston Celtic player and head coach K.C. Jones visits with Westfield State women's basketball coach Steve Marcil, senior women's basketball player Leslie Cooke, and vice president of student affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson before his presentation last Tuesday in Dever Auditorium. Jones was the leadoff speaker for the Westfield State College Guest Lecture Series for the fall semester.
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Westfield State junior Christine Byrne, far right, attempts to pass Bridgewater's Tammy Souza (middle) and Kelly Connolly (left) down the stretch during the hotly contested Mass. State Conference cross country championships. Byrne finished ahead of Connolly to place 13th overall; she was the No. 5 runner for the Owls. Souza and Connolly finished fourth and fifth, respectively, for Bridgewater State.

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MASCAC Cross Country Championships

Women Place Close 2nd; Men 3rd

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's and men's cross country teams finished second and third, respectively, in the Mass. State Conference championships held Oct. 25 at Stanley Park.

In the women's meet, Bridgewater State won its third straight title as it edged the Owls for the second straight year. Led by a second place from Laura Karns and a third place from Nicole Balaschi, Bridgewater totaled 38 points to edge Westfield by one point.

Three Westfield runners earned all-conference honors by placing in the top seven. They were: sophomore Heather Wenninger (fourth, 19:39), freshman Stephanie Guy (sixth, 20:12), and sophomore Sheila Mulherin (seventh, 20:23). Senior Aimee Worcester and junior Christine Byrne finished 11th and 13th, respectively, for the Owls.

Worcester State's Olivia Patch was the individual winner, touring the 3.1 mile course in 18:53.

In the men's meet, Fitchburg State won its first conference crown since 1982, as the Falcons placed three runners in the top six in compiling 43 points. Mass Maritime Academy finished second with 52 points, followed by Westfield with 72.

The Owls were competitive despite missing junior Matt Frederick - their No. 1 runner this season - who broke a bone in his foot earlier in the week. Also sidelined was senior Andy Barron (flu), who finished sixth in last year's conference meet.

The Owls' top runner was junior Geoff Churchill, who finished fourth in 26:56. Also earning points for Westfield were: Rich Vecchione (15th), John Krzystofik (16th), Jay Cunha (19th), and Stephen Cole (20th).

Salem State's Fabian Majia won the five-mile race with a time of 26:34.

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Owls Rout Rams; To Play In Third Straight Title Game

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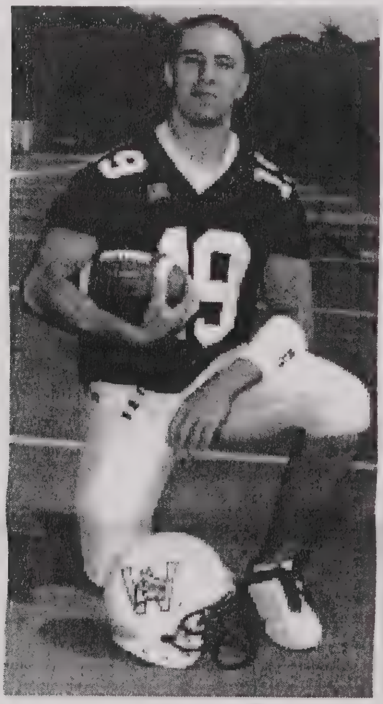
FRAMINGHAM - Sophomore quarterback Mike Lorenzano (Quincy) completed 12 of 24 passes for 270 yards and four touchdowns to lead Westfield State College to a 36-6 New England Football Conference victory over Framingham State.

The Owls, 6-1 overall and winners of five straight, earned their third straight berth in the NEFC championship game with the victory over winless Framingham (0-7). Westfield improved to 5-0 in the Bogan Division and will play Boyd Division winner Curry College in the NEFC championship game on Nov. 15 at Worcester State College.



Sophomore quarterback Mike Lorenzano was named to the NEFC weekly honor as, in his first collegiate start, he completed 12 of 24 passes for 270 yards and four touchdowns in a 36-6 win over Framingham..

Lorenzano posted some impressive statistics in his first varsity start. He replaced senior standout Chris Lapointe, who injured his throwing hand in last week's game.

Westfield took a 3-0 first-quarter lead on a 23-yard field goal by senior Matt Yvon (East Longmeadow). With the field goal, Yvon became the Owls' all-time leader scorer, surpassing Tim Lightfoot's ('96) 222 career points. Yvon also scored a touchdown and kicked three extra points vs. Framingham and now has 233 career points.

Lorenzano and Yvon (7 catches, 156 yards) hooked up for an 18-yard scoring strike midway through the second period. The Owls then scored with eight seconds left in the first half on a 53-yard pass-run play from Lorenzano to junior tight end Brian Maver (Maynard).

Lorenzano and Maver (4 catches, 103 yards) also teamed up for a 22-yard touchdown pass play early in the fourth quarter. Sophomore fullback Mark Puchalski (South Deerfield) scored on an 11-yard TD reception in the third period

Westfield junior running back Don Jones (Springfield) scored late in third quarter on a 34-yard run. Jones, who led the conference in rushing yards per game entering the contest, finished with 107 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Framingham got on the scoreboard with 5:11 remaining in the game on a 14-yard touchdown pass from T.J. Beary to Aaron Best.

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Volleyball Drops Key Match

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BRIDGEWATER - The Bridgewater State women's volleyball team garnered its ninth straight Mass. State Conference title by defeating Westfield State, 3-0 (30-25, 30-20, 30-23) on Oct. 28.

The victory also marks the Bears' 82nd consecutive conference victory, a streak that started during the 1994 season.

Bridgewater improves to 6-0 in the conference and 19-10 overall. The Bears will be the top seed in the conference postseason tournament, which will be held Nov. 8.

Westfield is 4-2 in the conference and 14-7 overall.

Senior Kristin Prokopas of Montague registered seven kills and six blocks for Bridgewater.

Westfield's top performers were: Rachel Allgaier (20 assists), Amy Svatik (17 digs), Lindsay Skaret (6 kills, 2 blocks), and Leah Schmidt (4 kills, 3 aces, 5 digs).

Soccer Rallies To Tie WPI

Men's Soccer

Westfield State 2 - WPI 2

WESTFIELD - Westfield State and Worcester Polytech battled to a 2-2 tie in non-conference men's soccer action Oct. 28.

The Owls were 7-7-1 overall heading into their final regular season game, a key home contest on Friday, Oct. 31, vs. Worcester State at 7:00 p.m. WPI is 10-3-1.

Westfield scored twice in the final 16 minutes of regulation. Freshman Dave Nalewanski (Easthampton) scored the Owls' first goal on a 35-yard blast into the upper left corner. Senior Jay Chelo (Ludlow) tied the score on a penalty kick with 5:10 remaining.

Senior James Duggan scored two second-half goals for WPI.

WPI outshot Westfield, 13-12.

Men's Soccer

Fitchburg 2 - Westfield State 1

FITCHBURG - Fitchburg scored two goals in the final 13 minutes to rally for a 2-1 victory over the Westfield State men's soccer team on Oct. 25.

It was the second straight tough setback for the Owls. Westfield again held a decisive edge in shots attempted (19-7) but came up on the short end of the score.

Women's Soccer Wins 4th Straight

Women's Soccer

Westfield 3 - Fitchburg State 1

WESTFIELD - Freshman Kate McMillan (Belchertown) and junior Tara McDonough (Palmer) both recorded a goal and an assist to lead the women's soccer team to a 3-1 victory over Fitchburg State on Oct. 25.

The Owls, winners of four straight, are 7-5-3 overall and 3-1-1 in the conference.

Fitchburg, 4-10-1, took a 1-0 lead when Lindsey Rondeau scored on a penalty kick. The Owls erupted for three goals in the final 24 minutes of the game for the conference victory.

McMillan tied the score with a hustling off balance shot in front of the goal. McDonough scored with 11 minutes remaining, heading in a high bouncing ball in front of the goalie. Junior reserve Nikki Hebert (South Hadley) added an insurance goal on a breakaway in the 83rd minute.

Women's Soccer

Westfield State 5 - Bay Path 1

WESTFIELD - Freshman Kate McMillan (Belchertown) registered a hat trick, scoring three goals, and junior Tara McDonough (Palmer) had one goal and two assists to lead the Westfield State women's soccer team to a 5-1 victory over Bay Path College.

McMillan scored twice in the first 16 minutes with McDonough assisting on both goals. Freshman Sophia Myers and McDonough scored later in the first half to stake the Owls to a 4-0 lead.

McMillan completed her hat trick in the 67th minute. Bay Path scored with 16 minutes remaining on a goal by Molly Majchrowski of Dalton.

Field Hockey

Bridgewater 3 - Westfield State 0

BRIDGEWATER - Bridgewater won its fifth straight game by blanking Westfield State, 3-0, in field hockey action Oct. 25.

The Bears are 10-4 overall and 7-2 in the Little East Conference. Westfield is 3-12 and 2-7.

Bridgewater's first goal came as time expired in the first half. The Bears then scored five minutes into the second half and with two minutes remaining in the game.

Westfield was outshot, 17-6.

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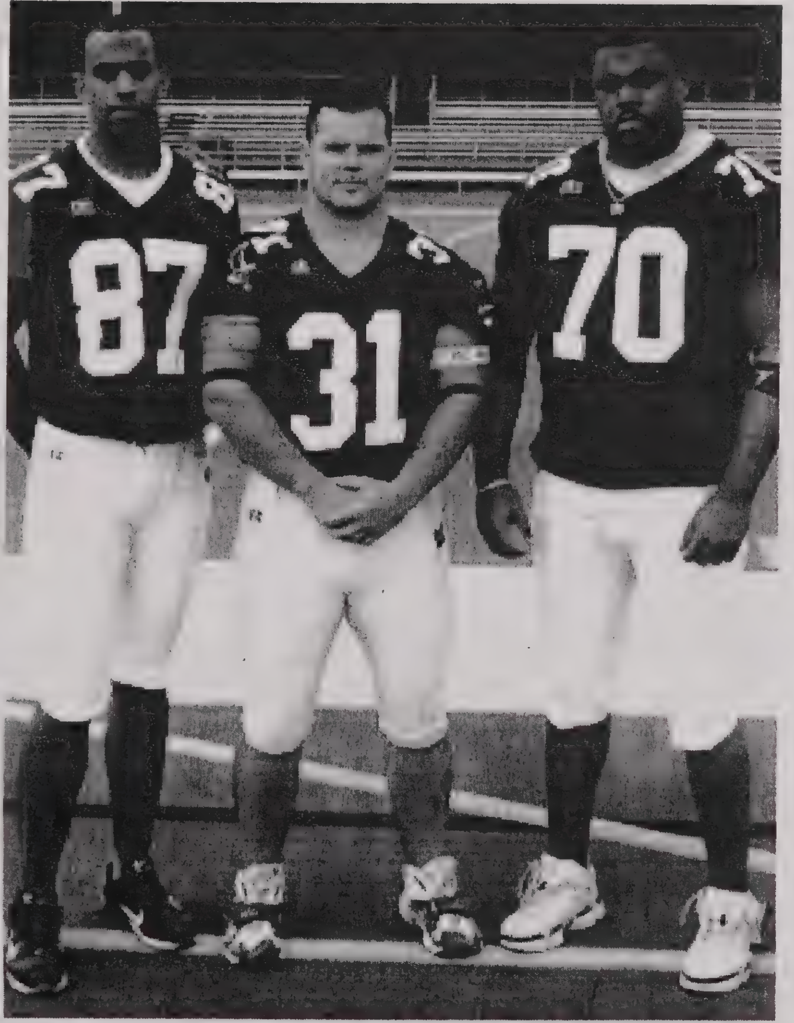

LEADERS OF THE DEFENSE: Left to right: Jessie Holmes, Mike Hurteau and Stevie Faniel are the only returning starters from the Westfield State defense that led the nation in total defense in 2002. This year the Owls' bend-but-don't-break defense is ranked third in the New England Football Conference in both total defense and points allowed. In another key statistic, the Owls are ranked second in the conference in turnover margin. **The Owls play Curry in the New England Football Conference championship game this Saturday, Nov. 15, at Worcester State College.**

Jones Runs For 254 Yards

Owls Rout Maine Maritime, 43-14

WESTFIELD - Junior Don Jones rushed for a career-high 254 yards on 26 carries to lead Westfield State to a 43-14 New England Football Conference victory over Maine Maritime.

The victory was the sixth straight for the 7-1 Owls, who finished the NEFC Bogan Division with a perfect 6-0 record.

Jones also became the fourth player in Westfield State history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. The 5-67, 200-pound Springfield Central grad now has 1,158 rushing yards this season.

Jones rushed for all but 10 of his yards in the first three quarters, including a career-best 68-yard scamper on the final play of the third quarter.

Team-wise, the Owls set a school record with 451 yards rushing and 534 yards in total offense.

Westfield also received a solid game from sophomore fullback Mark Puchalski (South Deerfield), who scored three first-half touchdowns as the Owls rallied for a 21-14 lead at intermission. The 6-1, 238-pound Frontier Regional graduate scored on runs of 4 and 22 yards, and on a 5-yard pass reception with 14 seconds left in the first half.

The Owls actually trailed, 14-7, midway through the second quarter as they had difficulty stopping Maine Maritime's multiple option attack. The Mariners put together consecutive sustained scoring drives, capped by a 10-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Patrick Bard to Chelsea Allen, and a one-yard TD plunge by Don Thibodeau.

Maine Maritime, however, lost three fumbles later in the game and Westfield converted all of them into scores.

Jones capped an 8-play, 36-yard drive with a seven-yard run in the third quarter. Senior tackle Pete Feeley was actually credited with the touchdown on the scoring drive as Jones fumbled the ball near the one-yard line and Feeley pounced on the loose ball in the end zone.

Quarterback Mike Lorenzano gave the Owls a commanding 34-14 lead on an 11-yard TD scamper with 4:09 left in the third quarter.

Matt Yvon kicked a 29-yard field goal with 12:52 remaining the game, and on the ensuing kickoff Jay Abair recovered a free ball at the seven. The Owls scored 10 seconds later on a seven-yard touchdown run by reserve fullback Dan Navin for the game's final points.

NEFC Championship Game
Westfield vs. Curry
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Weekly Sports Roundup

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Cross Country

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State women's and men's cross country teams finished third and seventh, respectively, in the New England Alliance championships Nov. 1 at Stanley Park.

The Westfield women tied conference rival Bridgewater for third place with 83 points. Keene State, placing four runners in the top 10, easily won the nine-team meet with 33 points. Southern Maine was second with 60 points.

Westfield had four runners earn all-conference honors by placing in the top 20: sophomore Heather Wenninger (7th, 19:39.5), freshman Stephanie Guy (13th, 20:12.10), sophomore Sheila Mulherin (16th, 20:29.6), and senior Aimee Worcester (18th, 20:47.3).

Worcester State's Olivia Patch was the individual winner with a time of 18:46.7 on the 3.1 mile course.

In the men's meet, Westfield totaled 181 points for its seventh place in the 11-team meet. Keene State easily took top honors with 24 points, placing five runners in the top eight, including individual winner Dave Bridgewater, who ran the five-mile layout in 25:21.7.

Junior Geoff Churchill was Westfield's top runner, finishing 15th in 27:27.9.

Women's Swimming

Westfield 150 – Simmons 147

BOSTON – The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team opened its season with a 150-147 victory at Simmons College on Nov. 1.

Sophomore standout Vanessa Morton was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 200 freestyle, 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Double winners were sophomore Lindsey Bartosz of Chicopee (50 backstroke, 100 backstroke), freshman Rachel Webb of West Springfield (1000 freestyle, 500 freestyle), and freshman Marianne Wilson of Tewskbury in both diving events.

Women's Volleyball

Trinity 3 - Westfield State 1

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team concluded its regular season with a 3-1 home loss to Trinity College on Nov. 3.

Westfield, 14-8 overall, participated in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament last Saturday, Nov. 8. The Owls play Framingham State in a semifinal matchup at noon. Top seed Bridgewater State is hosting the tournament.

Westfield defeated Trinity in the opening game, 30-25. Trinity took advantage of a slow Westfield start to take game two, 30-26.

Trailing 24-20 in the third game, Trinity outscored Westfield 10-3 for a 30-27 victory. The Bantams won the fourth game, 30-18.

Westfield's top performers were: Renee Ruiz (14 kills, 7 digs), Rachel Allgaier (35 assists), and Lindsay Skaret (9 kills, 3 aces, 3 blocks).

Trinity's strong frontcourt attack was led by Kate Hunter (20 kills) and Carolyn Walker (16 kills, 4 blocks).

Westfield State junior Geoff Churchill earned all-conference honors by placing 15th overall in the 11-team New England Alliance cross country championships held Nov. 1 at Stlaney Park. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Men's Soccer Blanked In Tourney Semifinals

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Worcester State 3 - Westfield 0

WORCESTER - The Worcester State men's soccer team defeated Westfield State, 3-0, in a semifinal game of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5.

The Owls finished with a 7-8-2 record after starting the season 0-5 under first-year head coach Tom Rivet. Worcester State improved to 10-4-3 and advanced to the championship game vs. Bridgewater State.

Worcester and Westfield battled to a scoreless, double overtime tie last Friday in Westfield, but the Lancers struck for three first-half goals in the tournament game.

Senior Justin Vallas scored the first goal in the 11th minute off a pass from Ryan Bennett, who also assisted on the final two goals. Vallas scored again five minutes later, then Glade Dennis finished the scoring in the 36th minute.

Worcester outshot Westfield, 13-12. Nick Beauchamp, Westfield's goalie in the second half, recorded six saves.

Men's Soccer

Westfield 0 – Worcester State 0

WESTFIELD – Westfield State and Worcester State battled to a 0-0 double overtime tie in men's soccer action Oct. 31.

The Owls finished the regular season 7-7-2 overall and 4-2-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield was seeded third for the conference tournament.

Westfield outshot Worcester State, 15-11. Westfield goalie Brian Ginisi made seven saves.

Women's Soccer

Worcester State 2 – Westfield 0

WORCESTER – *Worcester* State blanked Westfield State, 2-0, in a key Mass. State Conference game on Nov. 1.

The loss ended the season for the Owls, who were 7-6-3 overall and 3-2-1 in the conference. Westfield finished in a three-way tie for third place with Worcester State and Salem State, but it lost tiebreakers to both teams for the final two playoff spots.

The Lancers, 7-8-1 overall, scored their first goal in the 32nd minute on a tremendous shot from 30 yards out by freshman Tonya MacKenzie that found the top right corner of the net.

Worcester's second goal came in the 62nd minute when sophomore Caroline Goulet beat the Owl keeper from point blank range.

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Sixteen Westfield State Athletes Named MASCAC All-Conference

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Sixteen Westfield State College athletes representing six sports earned all-conference honors during the Mass. State fall season.

Men's and women's soccer, field hockey, women's volleyball, and women's cross country each had three all-conference selections, while men's cross country had one.

The Westfield State women's volleyball team finished second in the conference, led by first team selection Leah Schmidt, a senior outside hitter from West Springfield, and second team picks Rachel Allgaier, a senior setter from Meriden, Conn., and Amy Svatik, a junior defender from Stratford, Conn. Svatik was the only libero player selected to either the first or second teams.

Sophomore Heather Wenninger of Chicopee (Comprehensive High School) led the Owls to a second place finish in the conference by placing fourth in the MASCAC championships. Also earning all-conference honors by placing in the top seven were: freshman Stephanie Guy of Lakeville (sixth place) and sophomore Sheila Mulherin of Norton (seventh).

In men's cross country, junior Geoff Churchill placed fourth in the MASCAC finals to earn all-conference honors.

In field hockey, senior Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow was a first team all-conference selection in both the MASCAC and the 11-team Little East Conference. Yacovone led the Owls in scoring with nine goals.

Westfield's other first team MASCAC selection in field hockey was sophomore back Ashley Brogan (Spencer). Freshman back Kate Anderson (Georgetown) was a second team pick.

In men's soccer, senior midfielder Jay Chelo (Ludlow), who led the Owls in scoring, was first team all-conference. Second teamers were senior back Joe Calabrese (West Springfield) and junior forward Jeff Whittaker (Southwick).

In women's soccer, senior back Ali Jordan (Ware) was first team all-conference for the second straight year. Senior midfielder A.J. DelMonte (Chicopee Comp) and freshman forward Kate McMillan (Belchertown), who led the Owls in scoring, were second team all-conference.

Seniors A.J. DelMonte, left, and Ali Jordan were named all-conference in women's soc-

Men's soccer all-conference selections were, left to right: Jeff Whittaker, Joe Calabrese, and Jay Chelo.

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Senior captains Leah Schmidt, left, and Rachel Allgaier were all-conference honorees in women's volleyball.

Volleyball Outlasted In Championships

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State women's volleyball team was outlasted by Bridgewater State, 3-0 (28-30, 16-30, 29-31) in the championship game of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

Bridgewater improves to 23-12 and earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division 3 Tournament. Bridgewater will play Colby Sawyer College in a first round NCAA matchup on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Springfield College.

The Bears extended their conference winning streak to 84 games dating back to 1994. Westfield finishes 15-9 under first-year coach Fred Glanville.

Trailing 28-22 in the opening game, Westfield mounted a mini-comeback sparked by the serving of Danielle Mainini before falling by two points.

The Owls bolted to a 12-point lead at the outset of game three, but the veteran Bridgewater team showed its resiliency by rallying for the 31-29 victory.

Pacing the Owls were: senior Rachel Allgaier (24 assists, 4 digs, 2 blocks), sophomore Lindsay Skaret (14 kills), and defensive specialist Amy Svatik (22 digs).

Bridgewater was led by conference player of the year Kristin Prokopas of Montague, which is located in Franklin County. She registered 26 kills in the tournament.

In a semifinal match-up also played Nov. 8, Westfield defeated Framingham State for the third time this season. The Owls swept the Rams 30-26, 32-30, 30-19.

Senior Leah Schmidt recorded nine kills and eight digs, while Allgaier totaled 30 assists, 3 kills, 2 aces and four digs. Skaret had six kills and three blocks and Svatik registered 20 digs. Senior Sarah Lund had five kills and four blocks.

Football Falls In Regular Season Finale

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WESTFIELD - Senior Raphael Zammit (Saugus) scored three touchdowns and totaled 207 all-purpose yards to lead undefeated Curry College to a 33-7 victory over Westfield State in a key New England Football Conference regular season finale on Nov. 8.

Curry improved to 10-0 while Westfield is 7-2. The two teams played again last Saturday, Nov. 15, in the New England Football Conference championship game at Worcester State College.

Zammit scored twice in the first half on touchdown runs of 3 and 8 yards against the turnover-plagued Owls to stake Curry to a 14-0 halftime lead. Westfield committed five turnovers in the game, including three fumbles lost in the first 15 minutes. Curry had one turnover in the game, a first-quarter fumble deep in Westfield territory.

The Colonels' first TD drive began at the Westfield 16 and the second scoring drive began at the Westfield 40 after the Colonels recovered another Owl fumble.

Zammit set up Curry's third touchdown when he ran back the second-half kickoff 74 yards to the Westfield 12. Two plays later, freshman back Jarrad Jordan (Framingham), scored on a 15-yard run.

Zammit finished with 87 rushing yards on 27 carries, the 74-yard kick return, and had two pass receptions for 46 yards. The 5-8, 190-pounder's third touchdown - a three-yard run with 5:09 left in the game - also was set up by a Westfield fumble and capped a six-play, 30-yard scoring drive for a 33-7 Curry lead.

Curry took a commanding 27-0 lead with 11:02 remaining in the third quarter on a 21-yard touchdown option pass from Jim Pascarelli to Pat Anderton.

Westfield scored its only touchdown with 10:21 remaining in the game on a one-yard run by sophomore quarterback Mike Lorenzano (Quincy) that capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive.

Westfield junior back Don Jones (Springfield) had a game-high 100 yards rushing on 12 carries. Curry freshman quarterback Kevin Holleran (Quincy) - the brother of Westfield sophomore receiver B.J. Holleran - completed 9 of 16 passes for 124 yards. Lorenzano completed 7 of 22 passes for 80 yards.

Defensively for the Owls, junior linebacker Matt Wooliver was named to the NEFC weekly honor roll as he registered 13 tackles and recovered a fumble. Senior linebacker Mike Hurteau - the Owls' leading tackler this season - had eight tackles. Senior tackle Mark Lewis recorded two sacks.

Complete coverage of the NEFC Championship Game played this past Saturday, Nov. 15, vs. Westfield State and Curry will be published in next Monday's edition of *The Voice*.

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Nine Westfield State Players Named NEFC All-Conference

Nine members of the 2003 Westfield State College football team earned all-conference honors in the New England Football Conference (NEFC).

Five Owls landed first-team selections in the 14-team NEFC, three were second-team selections, and one was an honorable mention pick.

Heading the list was standout wide receiver Matt Yvon, who earned first team honors for the third consecutive year and was the only player in the conference who was unanimously selected this season.

The 6-2, 215-pounder from East Longmeadow led the NEFC in receptions (64), and receiving yards (1,083).

Yvon finished his outstanding four-year collegiate career with 217 catches, 3,413 receiving yards, and 34 touchdowns. The career catches and receiving yards are both New England Division 3 records. The previous records were held by Scott Faessler (202) and Rodd Patten (3,178), both of whom played for Framingham State and graduated in 1992 and 1993, respectively.

Also chosen all-conference for the third straight year was senior center Rob Byrne of Ludlow. Bryne was first team in 2002 and second team as a sophomore.

The Owls' other first team picks this year were all second team selections during their junior seasons: offensive tackle Pete Feeley of Lynnfield; defensive tackle Stevie Faniel of Wareham, and linebacker Mike Hurteau of Troy, N.Y.

Hurteau led the Owls in tackles with 79, including 44 primary stops. Faniel had 37 tackles, including nine tackles for losses, and four pass breakups. Feeley, along with Byrne, anchored the Owls' front line that only allowed 16 quarterback sacks in 10 games. Westfield ranked fifth in the conference in total offense, averaging 365 yards per game.

Second team honorees were: junior linebacker Matt Wooliver (Lanesboro), junior defensive end Jessie Holmes (Springfield), and junior tight end Brian Maver (Maynard).

Wooliver was the team's second leading tackler with 66 stops, including 10 for losses. Holmes set a school record with 14 quarterback sacks, and was the team's third leading tackler (61), including 19 and a half tackles for losses. Maver, a 6-6, 265-pound transfer from the University of New Hampshire, had nine catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

Westfield's honorable mention selection was junior running back Don Jones (Springfield). Jones rushed for 1,281 yards and eight TDs. The 5-6, 200-pounder averaged 25.2 carries per game.

Swim Team Places Second At Regis Invite

WESTON – The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team placed second in the Regis Invitational held Nov. 15-16.

The Owls compiled 659 points in the six-team meet, trailing Mount Holyoke College (741).

Sophomore Vanessa Morton was Westfield's top point getter, placing first in the 100 freestyle, second in the 100 butterfly, and third in the 100 individual medley.

Freshman Katie Piquette finished first in the 500 freestyle, third in the 50 breaststroke and fourth in the 100 breaststroke. Freshman Marianne Wilson placed first and third in the diving events. Earning second places were Lindsey Bartosz (100 backstroke), Rachel Webb (200 freestyle), and Clare Cournoyer (diving).

TEAM STANDINGS: Mount Holyoke 741; Westfield State 659; University of New England 649; Simmons 544; Regis 273; Wheelock 204.

FIRST PLACE: Katie Piquette, 500 freestyle, 6:00.45; Marianne Wilson, diving, 144.35 points; Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle, 56.79.

SECOND PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 100 butterfly, 1:05.32; Lindsey Bartosz, 100 backstroke, 1:08.44; Rachel Webb, 200 freestyle, 2:13.04; Clare Cournoyer, diving, 133 points.

THIRD PLACE: Marianne Wilson, diving, 131.75 points; Katie Piquette, 50 breaststroke, 37.00; Vanessa Morton, 100 individual medley, 1:07.25.

FOURTH PLACE: Katie Piquette, 100 breastroke, 1:18.53; Nikki Crowe, diving, 124.35 points; Clare Cournoyer, diving, 125.75 points; 200 medley relay (Lindsey Bartosz, Katie Piquette, Rachel Webb, Vanessa Morton), 2:05.26; 200 freestyle relay (Rachel Webb, Heather Nelson, Lindsey Bartosz, Shannon McMahon), 1:54.37.

FIFTH PLACE: Rachel Webb, 200 individual medley, 2:33.4; Lindsey Bartosz, 100 freestyle, 1:01.15; Nicole Spataro, 50 backstroke, 33.30.

SIXTH PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 100 freestyle, 1:01.15; Nicole Spataro, 100 backstroke, 1:10.34; Shannon McMahon, 100 individual medley, 1:11.50; 200 freestyle relay (Nicole Spataro, Jacyln Casali, Erin Flynn, Nicole Acheson), 1:58.08.

Basketball Home Games

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Women vs. Pine Manor, 6:00

Men vs. Elms, 8:00

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Westfield Falls To Curry, 36-0 In NEFC Finals

Nov. 2003

By Mickey Curtis

WORCESTER – Freshman cornerback John Connell (Mansfield, MA) scored two first-quarter touchdowns – a 27 yard fumble recovery and a 59-yard interception return - to lead opportunistic Curry College to a 36-0 victory over Westfield State in the New England Football Conference championship game on Nov. 15.

Curry is now 11-0 as it qualified for its first NCAA Division 3 Tournament. The Colonels of sixth-year head coach Steve Nelson – a former New England Patriot linebacker - also won their third NEFC crown and their first since 1971.

Westfield State, which was participating in its third straight NEFC championship game, finished 7-3.

The game was nearly a replay of last week's regular season finale when Curry capitalized on five Westfield turnovers for a 33-7 victory. In the NEFC title game, the Owls were again plagued by miscues as they turned the ball over six times on four fumbles and two interceptions. The Colonels, meanwhile, committed no turnovers

"The first five minutes of the game were a nightmare," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino, whose team uncharacteristically committed as many turnovers (11) in the two Curry games as it did in its first eight games. "All week long we stressed to take care of the ball, but everything that could go wrong did. It was Murphy's Law.

"It was the same thing that happened last week," he continued. "If we don't turn the ball over I think it can be a competitive game from end to end; but you can't give up the ball against a good team like Curry."

The Colonels led 15-0 two and a half minutes into the game, and 22-0 with 4:15 left in the first quarter. With a stiff wind to their backs, the Owls attempted to recover their own high and short "pooch" kickoff to start the game, but Curry recovered the ball at the Curry 36. And not only did the Owls miss a big opportunity to recover the "onsides kick" they were whistled for catching interference.

With the drive beginning at the Westfield 49, Curry scored four plays later on a two-yard run by senior back Raphael Zammit (Saugus), who led all ballcarriers with 104 yards on 28 carries.

Westfield blocked the extra point attempt, but Colonels even capitalized on that as holder Jim Pascarelli picked up the blocked kick and threw a two-point conversion pass to Lucas Brierty.

After stopping Westfield on its first offensive series, Curry took a 15-0 lead following a botched punt attempt. Westfield punter Mark Puchalski was unable to handle a low center snap and O'Connell picked up the loose ball and scored on a 27-yard fumble recovery.

O'Connell – who had six tackles, four pass breakups and two interceptions - was also in the right place for Westfield's next turnover.

Owl receiver Matt Yvon bobbled the ball several times while attempting to make a reception and it appeared to be an incompletion. But the ball never hit the turf as it bounced off Yvon's foot, and O'Connell made a shoestring interception in stride and raced 59 yards down the left sideline for the dramatic defensive touchdown.

Curry added another touchdown before halftime after recovering an errant Westfield pitchout at the Owl 20. Five plays later, freshman quarterback Kevin Holleran completed a three-yard touchdown pass to Pascarelli to give the Colonels a commanding 29-0 lead with 10:35 left in the first half.

Holleran also threw a touchdown pass – a one-yarder to Alan Bartolini – late in the third quarter.

"Curry is a good team, I tip my cap to them," said Marino. "I hope they do well in the NCAAs."

Trailing by 36 points at the end of the third quarter, the Owls actually had more first downs (10 to 6) and 24 more yards in total offense than Curry. Both teams finished the game with 11 first downs. The Colonels had 214 yards in total offense, Westfield had 190 against a hard-hitting Curry College defense.

"Our defense played well; we just gave Curry too many short fields," said Marino. "I'm proud of our team; we accomplished a lot more this year than most people thought we would."

Most of Westfield's drives, meanwhile, began deep in its own territory. The Owls' biggest scoring threat came late in the first half when they drove 80 yards for a first down at the Curry 3. But Curry's defense stiffened and the Owls threw four incomplete passes.

Westfield quarterback Chris Lapointe completed 15 of 40 passes for 172 yards – all in the first three quarters. It was his first action since suffering a broken hand on Oct. 18.

Yvon finished an outstanding career with 11 receptions for 145 yards. But the Owls were held to 18 net rushing yards on 20 carries.

"Chris did a very good job despite the injury," said Marino. "But after we got behind we weren't able to establish a running game and get into any rhythm."

Defensive standouts for Westfield included linebacker Matt Wooliver (10 tackles, one sack), Ryan Togneri (10 tackles), and Jessie Holmes (three sacks).

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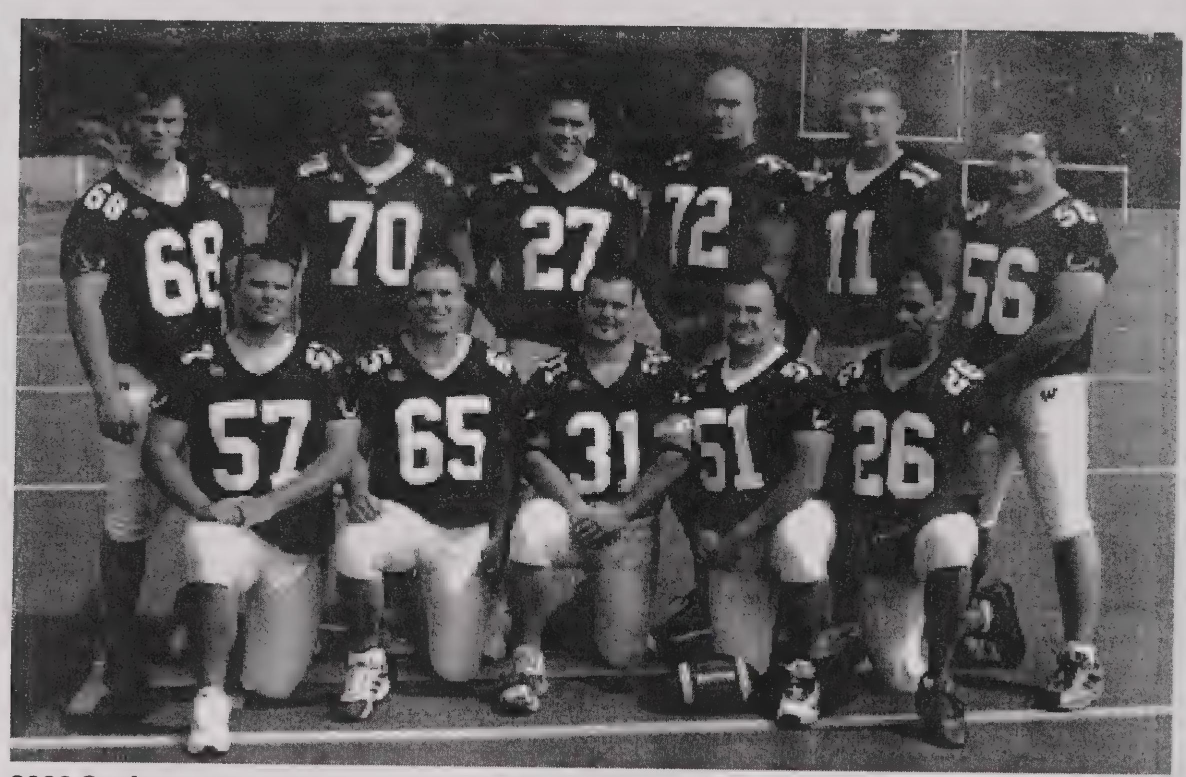

2003 Seniors - The seniors members of the Westfield State College football team have left a legacy that is going to be difficult to duplicate. They participated in three consecutive NEFC championship games (winning the 2001 NEFC title), one NCAA Tournament, one ECAC Tournament, and compiled an 18-0 divisional record over the past three years. In the first row, eft to right: Rich Inglis, Mike Schieb, Mike Hurteau, Mark Lewis, Daniel Helvetius. Second row: Ken Gebo, Stevie Faniel, Matt Yvon, Pete Feeley, Chris Lapointe, Rob Byrne.

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Basketball Roundups

Owls Look Good In Early Going

WESTFIELD – Freshman guard T.J. Baker (Staten Island, N.Y.) scored 21 points and freshman forward Dan Holbrook (Lexington) added 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds to lead the Westfield State men's basketball team to a 90-83 victory over Elms. The Owls improved to 2-1 while Elms is 0-3.

The Owls also received a strong showing from their third freshman starter as first-year guard Ricky Ogboin of Boston (Brighton) tallied 14 points, eight rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

The three freshman starters were outstanding from the foul line as they took all of Westfield's free throws and made 28 of 31. Baker was 13 of 15 from the charity stripe, Ogboin was 8-for-9, and Holbrook made all seven attempts.

Also playing well for the Owls was senior forward Vaso Jaukovic with 19 points, six rebounds and three steals.

Leading 32-31 at halftime, the Owls led by as many as 13 points, 70-57 with six minutes remaining, on the strength of their strong defense and rebounding. Elms closed to within three points, 82-79, by making one of their seven second-half 3-point baskets with 1:02 remaining. But the Owls held on sparked by their nearly unconscious free throw shooting.

Sophomore forward Lonnie Branyon led Elms with 21 points, five assists and five steals. Junior guard Kyle Seyboth scored 18 points on six 3-point baskets. Senior Deshawn Hawkins had 18 points and a team-high five rebounds.

Women's Basketball
Westfield 70 – Pine Manor 16

WESTFIELD – Freshman reserve center Crystal Fraser (Rockville, Conn./East Windsor High School) scored a game-high 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Westfield State to a 70-16 victory over Pine Manor.

Fraser made all seven of her field goal attempts, including several outside shots. Westfield's only other player in double figures was sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker with 10 points. Sophomore forward Amanda Chapin of Westfield added eight points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Westfield improved to 3-0. Pine Manor, which only shot 13 percent from the field, is 0-3. The Owls led 36-9 at halftime.

Men's Basketball
Westfield Places Second

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. – Tournament MVP Jay Reginatto scored 23 of his 25 points in the second half to lead Western Connecticut State to an 87-76 victory over Westfield State in the championship game of the Vassar College men's basketball invitational.

Westfield led Western Connecticut, 44-37 at halftime. Reginatto hit all five of this 3-point baskets in the second half as the Colonials blew past the Owls down the stretch. Westfield was outscored 50-32 in the second stanza.

All-Tournament forward Marvin Evans had a game-high 28 points for the winners. Westfield was led by senior forward Vaso Jaukovic with 17 points and eight rebounds. All-Tournament guard T.J. Baker – freshman from Staten Island, N.Y. who attended Notre Dame Prep in Fitchburg last season – added 16 points and five assists.

Baker hit a running lay-up at the final buzzer to lead the Owls to a 73-71 opening round victory over Vassar. Baker scored a game-high 19 points and was solid on defense with six steals.

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Seniors Leslie Cooke, left, and Meredith Maaske receive the first place trophy from the Mount Holyoke College Tip-Off Classic. The Owls defeated Mount Holyoke, 61-50, in the championship game, and bested Castleton State, 59-30, in their first game. Cooke was named tournament MVP and sophomore Amanda Chapin was named to the All-Tournament team.

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Owls Outswim WNEC

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team defeated Western New England College, 141-117, on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The Owls improved to 2-1 heading into this Saturday's meet at Mount Holyoke. WNEC is 3-2.

Sophomore standout Vanessa Morton of Wellfleet was a triple winner for Westfield. Morton won the 100 butterfly in 1:03.59, just two-tenths of a second off the school record. She also took the 200 freestyle (2:07.21) and the 50 freestyle (26.13).

Double winners were freshmen Katie Piquette of Seekonk (100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley) and Rachel Webb of West Springfield (1000 freestyle, 500 freestyle). Webb and Piquette also earned seconds in the 100 freestyle and 200 breaststroke, respectively.

FIRST: Rachel Webb, 1000 freestyle (12:02.82); Vanessa Morton, 200 freestyle (2:07.21); Katie Piquette, 100 breastroke (1:19.2); Vanessa Morton, 50 freestyle (26.13); Rachel Webb, 500 freestyle (5:52.97); Vanessa Morton, 100 butterfly (1:03.59); Katie Piquette, 200 individual medley (2:30.35).

SECOND: Nicole Acheson, 1000 freestyle (12:20.02); Lindsay Bartosz, 100 backstroke (1:06.54); Katie Abare, 100 breaststroke (1:20.69); Nicole Spataro, 200 butterfly (2:36.78); Rachel Webb, 100 freestyle (1:01.85); Lindsay Bartosz, 200 backstroke (2:23.24); Katie Piquette, 200 breaststroke (2:46.83).

THIRD: Jen Gilbert, 100 backstroke (1:10.42); Erin Flynn, 200 butterfly (2:58.78); Nicole Acheson, 200 backstroke (2:34.57); Katie Abare, 200 breaststroke (3:00.75); Nicole Spataro, 500 freestyle (6:07.72); Nicole Acheson, 200 individual medley (2:34.29).

The Best In New England

Westfield State's Rob Byrne, along with classmate Matt Yvon, was named to the New England sportswriters All New England Divisions 2 and 3 first team. The senior center from Ludlow also was a first-team all-conference selection in 2002 and 2003, and a second-team pick in 2001. "Rob will be irreplaceable," said Westfield State offensive line coach Chad LaBonte. "He is the best center that I've ever seen play for Westfield State. And he really worked hard to come back from ACL surgery after his junior year."

Rob Byrne

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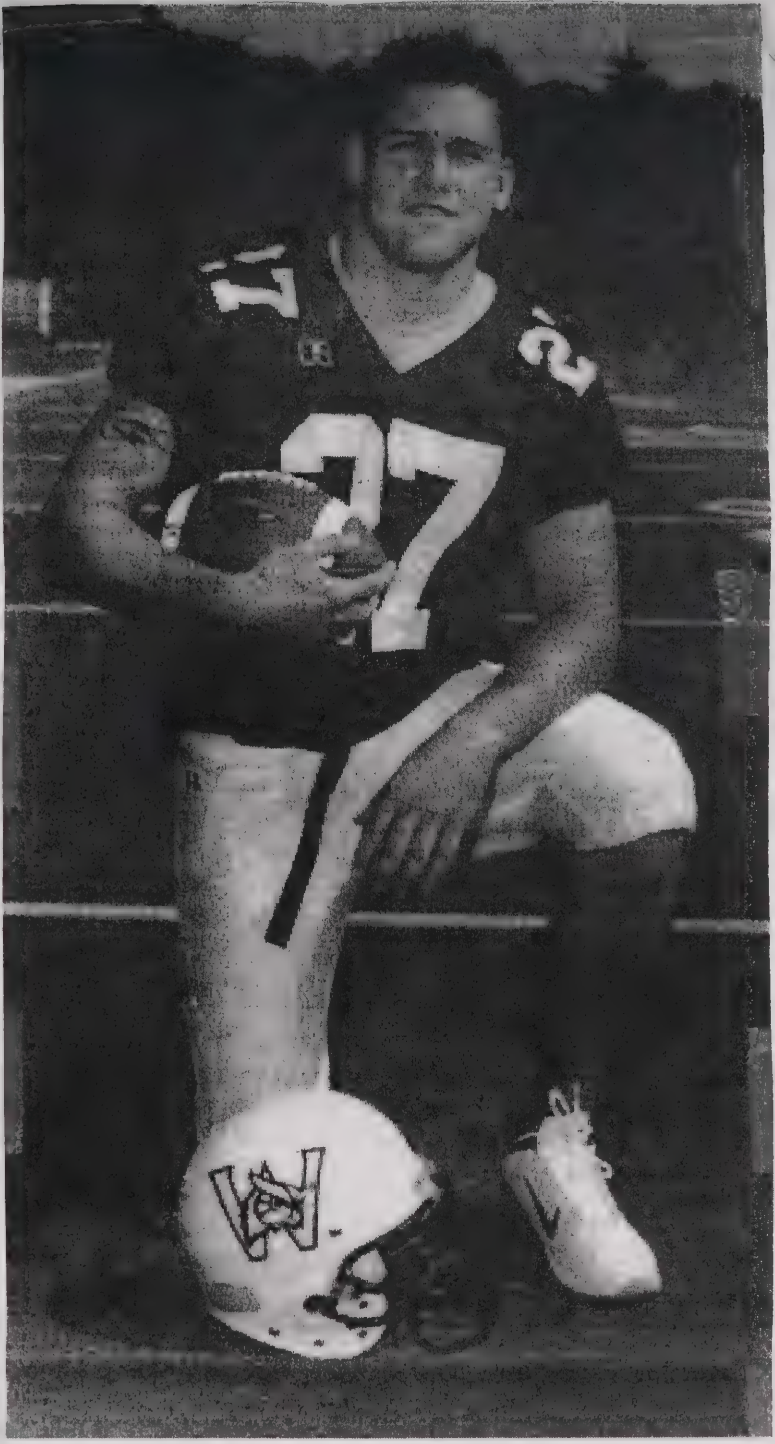

Matt Yvon

Yvon Selected For Aztec Bowl

Nov. 2003

By Mickey Curtis

Westfield State College standout wide receiver Matt Yvon (East Longmeadow/Cathedral High School) has been selected to play for the NCAA Division III senior all-star team that will represent the United States against Mexico in the 2003 Aztec Bowl in Cancun, Mexico, on Dec. 13.

Yvon, who will be leaving for Mexico on Sunday, Dec. 7, is the only player from the 14-team New England Football Conference who was chosen for the prestigious game. Also representing the New England region on the 42-player roster are tight end Brian Whisler of Coast Guard, linebacker Graham Goldwasser of Williams, and offensive lineman Jared Carillo of Trinity.

"It's nice to see Matt's name on the list," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino. "This is a great honor for him and for Westfield State College. I truly believe he is one of the best players in the nation."

The Aztec Bowl is the traditional season-ending game for Mexico's college football schedule, and many professional scouts attend the contest.

"Preparations for the Aztec Bowl present a tremendous challenge each year," said U.S. head coach Ron Schipper. "We have five days to turn 42 young men who have never played together before into a football team. But this is an outstanding group of players and I know they'll rise to the challenge."

Yvon rose to the challenge on numerous occasions for the Owls during the past four years. He holds the New England Division III career records for receptions (217) and receiving yards (3413). He holds school records for points scored in career (241), and catches in a game (13), season (73) and career (217). Also, he holds school records for most yards receiving in a game (257) and career (3413).

The 6-2, 210-pounder was a first-team all-conference selection the past three seasons when the Owls posted an aggregate record of 25-7, won three NEFC Bogan Division championships, and captured the 2001 NEFC crown. He was the only unanimous all-conference selection and an All New England Divisions 2/3 first-team selection in 2003. In addition, Yvon was a second-team ECAC All New England pick in 2001 and made the Football Gazette's All East Region team in 2002.

This past season the future WSC Hall of Famer also returned punts and kickoffs and handled the placekicking duties.

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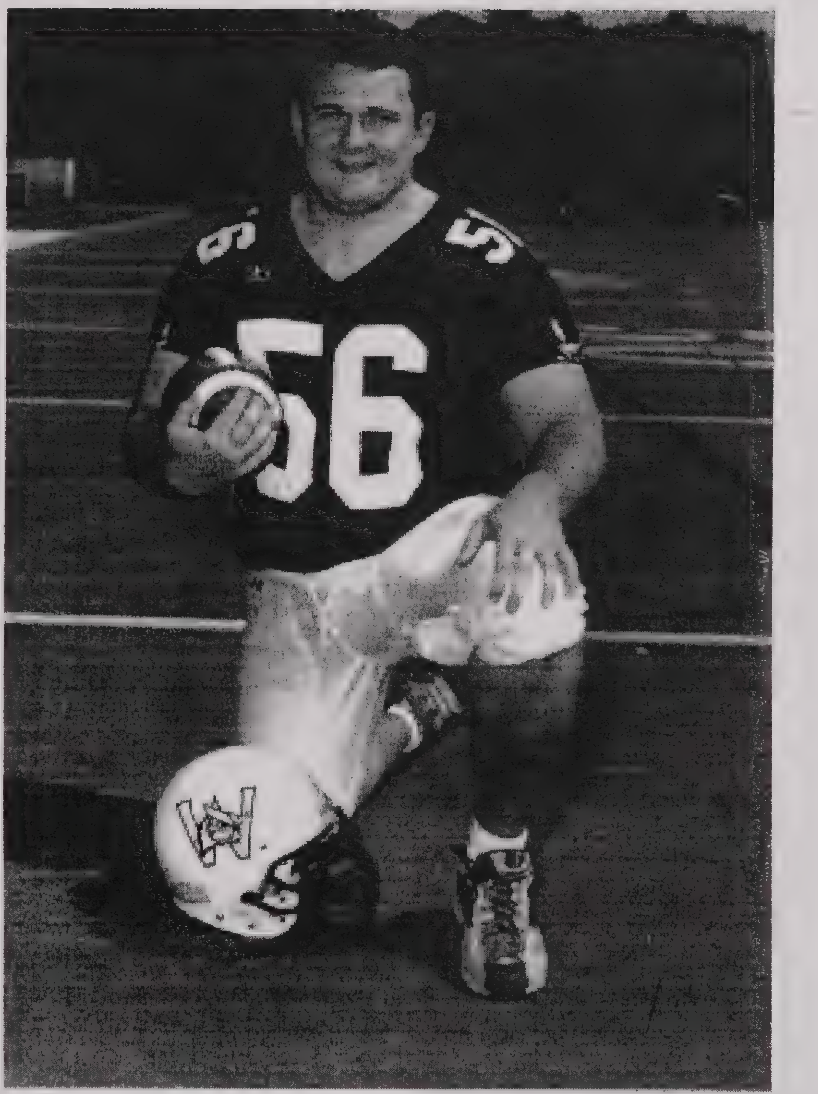

Rob Byrne

Byrne Selected All American

Feb. 2004

Westfield State College senior offensive lineman Rob Byrne of Ludlow was selected to the 26th annual 2003 College Sports Information Directors Division III All-America football team.

Byrne was an honorable mention selection on the prestigious All-America team, receiving the fourth most votes at the offensive center position. He anchored the offensive line during the past three seasons when the Owls posted an aggregate record of 25-7, captured one NEFC championship, played in three NEFC championship games, and participated in the NCAA and ECAC Tournaments.

"Our team's success was able to get Rob recognition, but he mostly received this honor on his own merits," said head coach Steve Marino. "He is the best center I've ever coached at Westfield State. He will not be replaced."

Byrne was outstanding during his senior season despite a lengthy recovery from knee surgery following his junior campaign. The 5-11, 255 pounder was all-conference for the third straight year in the 14-team New England Football Conference, and a first-team selection on the following all-star squads: Football Gazette All-East Region, New England Football Writers Divisions II/III team, and ECAC Northeast Region.

Byrne is the first offensive lineman in Westfield State history to achieve All America status, and he is the fourth player in the past three years to earn All-America honors. Linebacker Josue Zamora (2001, 2002), running back Shawn Lyman (2001) and defensive end Tim Corr (2001) were selected to All-America teams.

The 26th annual sports information directors team, formerly sponsored by Hewlett Packard, was selected by a panel of 30 sports information directors, including Westfield State SID Mickey Curtis. The SIDs represent the four playoff regions in NCAA Division III.

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Basketball Roundups

Owls Nearly Upset Amherst

WESTFIELD – Amherst College survived a major upset bid by Westfield State, as the Lord Jeffs outscored the Owls 12-1 in the final 2:41 for a 70-64 victory in men's basketball non-conference action Jan. 27.

Amherst improved to 16-1 while Westfield is 8-7. The Lord Jeffs are ranked No. 3 in this week's d3hoops.com NCAA Division III national poll. Last week the Lord Jeffs were ranked first nationally before their thrilling 84-80 overtime loss at Williams College.

Westfield - playing one of the final games in its bandbox gymnasium – traded baskets and leads with the national power for the entire game, except for the final two and a half minutes. The Owls – who were aided by a strong rebounding effort and excellent interior passing – took a 63-58 lead with 2:53 remaining following three consecutive baskets by 6-7 senior reserve center Rich Pyle.

Amherst then tallied seven straight points to take a 65-63 lead with 1:15 remaining. Senior guard Adam Harper – who surpassed the 1,000-point mark early in the second half – tied the score on a 3-point basket and a floater in the key. Senior forward Tim Jones then gave Amherst the lead with a lay-in.

Westfield scored its final point on Ricky Ogboin's free throw with 1:00 remaining that made it 65-64. Amherst extended its lead to 67-64 when Jones canned two free throws with 46.6 seconds remaining.

Ogboin then missed two shots (drive, offensive putback) and the Owls were forced to foul with 24.2 seconds remaining. Jones made one free throw for a 68-64 lead. Westfield's comeback attempt fell short, however, as it missed four consecutive shots, including two 3-point attempts in the closing seconds. Amherst finally gained control of the ball with 2.4 seconds remaining, and John Bedford made two free throws to finish the 12-1 run.

Amherst had four players in double figures, led by Bedford's 16 points; he also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. Harper finished with 14 points and now has 1,007 career points. The Washington, D.C. native surpassed the magic milestone on short jumper following an offensive rebound with 14:55 remaining in the second half. In addition, Harper had one steal and is now three steals shy of the Amherst career record of 279 steals set by Keith Pooper ('96).

Senior guard Allen Murray and freshman point guard T.J. Baker scored 19 points apiece for Westfield. Ogboin finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Westfield State women's basketball team enjoyed unseasonably warm 68 degree weather during a two-day tournament in Ocean City, Maryland, the first week of January. The Owls improved to 12-4 overall following a 67-52 victory at Amherst last Tuesday. Westfield State is ranked third nationally in scoring defense, allowing an average of 46.5 points per game, and sixth nationally in field goal percentage defense (.304). The Owls have lost two games by a point and another game by two points.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Maaske's 25 Points Lead Westfield

Feb 2004

AMHERST – Senior Meredith Maaske (Coon Rapids, Minnesota) scored a career-high 25 points to lead Westfield State to a 65-52 non-conference victory over Amherst College on Jan. 27.

The Owls upped their record to 12-4 overall despite only shooting 26 percent from the floor, seven percent below their season average. However, Westfield made 25 of 32 free throws (78 percent) and was 6-for-17 from 3-point range. Also, the Owls continued to play their tough trademark defense as they forced 22 Amherst turnovers and out-rebounded the host team, 49-35. Amherst, which shot 40 percent from the field and was whistled for 28 fouls, is 9-9.

Maaske - a transfer from Wisconsin Eau Claire - easily surpassed her previous career high of 13 points she scored in Westfield's comeback win at Fitchburg last Saturday. The 5-10 guard-forward was 13-for-16 from the foul line and posted a double-double with 10 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield/Suffield Academy) had another double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Chapin recorded a team-high three steals and made both of her 3-point attempts.

Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker (Springfield/Commerce) finished with 10 points and six rebounds in the Owls' balanced attack. Senior point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley/Hopkins Academy) had nine points and five rebounds. Sophomore guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) contributed nine points and six boards.

Senior standout Shannon Russell was Amherst's only player in double figures with 13 points.

National Girls and Women in Sports Day

February 4, 2004 is the 18th annual celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day! NGWSD began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her work to assure equality for women's sports. Since that time, NGWSD has evolved into a day to acknowledge the past and recognize current sports achievements, the positive influence of sports participation, and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women in sports.The theme for 2004 is "Play Fair."

Westfield State will be celebrating NGWSD during halftime of the women's basketball game on February 5th at 7:00 p.m. During halftime, Nancy Bals, SWA, will distribute NGWSD certificates to all varsity female athletes and will recognize one female athlete from each team as a NGWSD Honoree.

Your support of the Day will go a long way to increase visibility for female athletes!

Westfield State College Celebration of
National Girls and Women in Sports Day
Thursday, February 5, 2004
Halftime of the women's basketball game, approximately 7:30 p.m.
Parenzo Gymnasium
"Play Fair"

Three Owls Named ECAC Northeast All-Stars

Three Westfield State players were selected to the ECAC Northeast Football All-Star squad.

First-team selections were senior center Rob Byrne of Ludlow and standout senior wide receiver Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow, who played for the USA Division III senior all-stars in the Aztec Bowl Dec. 13.

Named to the ECAC second team was senior linebacker Mike Hurteau of Troy, N.Y., who led the Owls in tackles this past season with 79.

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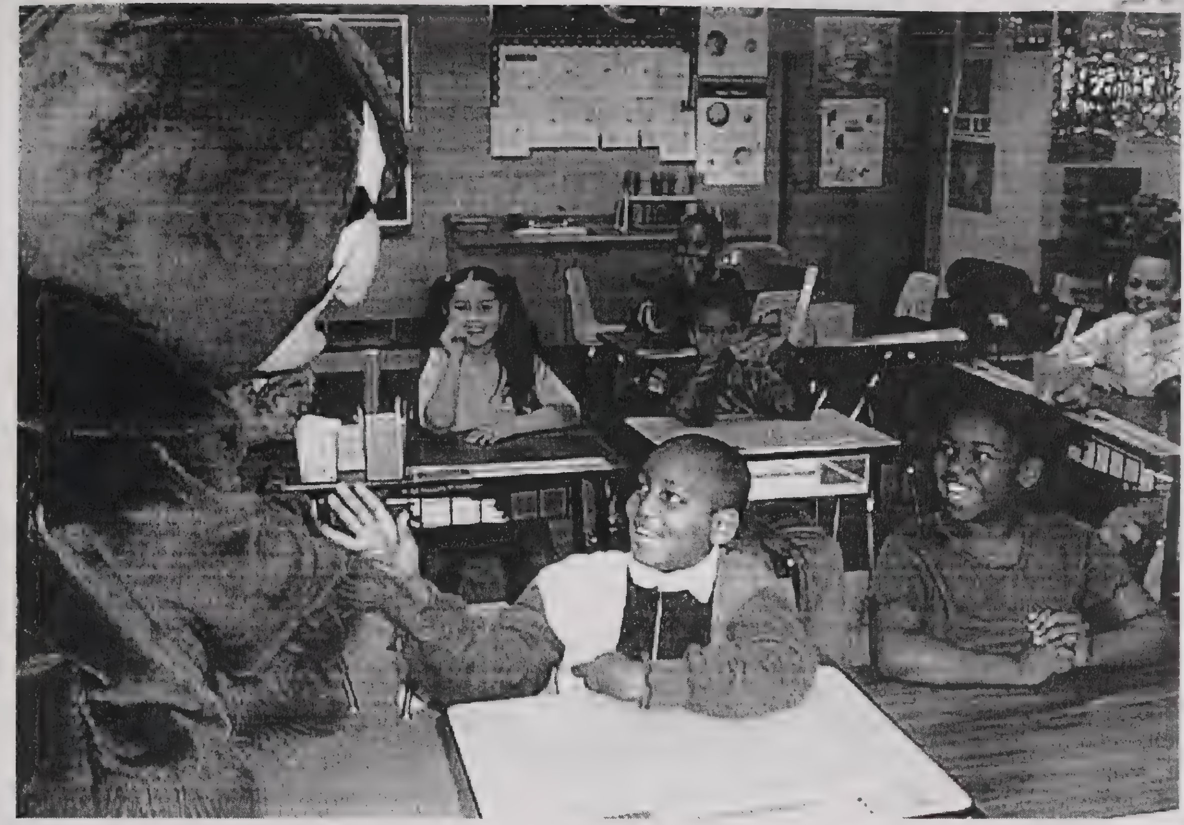

Nestor and the Westfield State College men's basketball team visited the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School in Springfield to promote the importance of reading and literacy skills.
Photo By Nancy Bals

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Hoop Team Promotes Literacy

Student-athletes from the Westfield State College men's basketball team have been visiting the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School in Springfield, Mass., to promote the importance of reading and building literacy skills.

The student-athletes, accompanied by Nestor - the Westfield State mascot - read to the children in a number of designated classes at the school. The Westfield State students are promoting the importance and fun of reading, as well as the importance of learning and staying focused. The children, in turn, have time to question the college students about their experiences.

The reading program is an extension of the "The Richard T. Cofield Writing Program." The tutorial involves members of the men's basketball teams attending structured one-on-one tutorials led by Westfield State English professor Trevor Hodge.

Professor Hodge initiated the program after the passing of Ricky Martin Cofield on the basketball court on Oct. 16, 2002. Ricky was not only a promising freshman member of the basketball team, he was an active member of Professor Hodge's English composition class.

The tutorials and the mentoring are significantly helping the athletes with their writing scores and their attitude regarding writing.

"I have seen college students benefit from working with kids time and time again," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals. "With each visit, I have seen the student-athletes walk away with their heads held a little higher. There is something about how kids look up to them that boosts their self-esteem. We are hoping this increased self esteem will benefit them in the classroom."

The elementary school students are also excited to be involved with the mentoring program, according to Hodge.

"The reaction from both students and teachers was overwhelmingly good. It is my understanding that many of the classrooms we visited wanted to read for the remainder of the day, so apparently something stuck," he said. "The school principal thanks us greatly for their contributions and our commitment to promoting literacy."

The program is being funded by a Verizon and NCAA grant for literacy. In addition, part of the funding will be used by Westfield State to donate 20 books to the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School.

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Women's Basketball Wins Sixth Straight

Feb 2004

Women's Basketball
Westfield 58 – Bridgewater 47

BRIDGEWATER – Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker and senior guard Meredith Maaske led Westfield State to a 58-47 victory over Bridgewater State Feb. 3.

The Owls won their sixth straight game to up their record to 15-4 record; they are 5-2 in the conference.

Walker had a game-high 23 points, 10 rebounds, two blocks and four steals. Maaske continued her fine midseason play with 11 points and six assists. Senior Leslie Cooke contributed 11 points, three assists and two steals.

Westfield, which led 24-21 at halftime, only shot 31 percent from the field but made 7 of 21 three-point attempts.

Women's Basketball
Westfield 69 – MCLA 55

WESTFIELD – Senior point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley) scored a career-high 21 points to lead Westfield State to a hard-earned 69-55 victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

The Trailblazers only trailed, 27-24, at halftime but Westfield begin gradually pulling away in the second half, sparked by a couple of 3-point baskets by Cooke. The Owls' biggest lead was 56-36 with 9:04 remaining.

Cooke was 5-for-12 from beyond the arc, 6-for-7 from the foul line, and also had a game-high five assists. Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker (Springfield) compiled 20 points, including 16 in the second half, and had game highs of 12 rebounds and four steals.

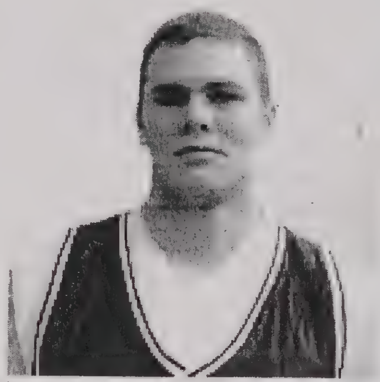
Men's Basketball
Bridgewater 86 – Westfield 69

BRIDGEWATER – Bridgewater State got off to a fast start in an 86-69 men's basketball victory over Westfield State Feb.3 .

Bridgewater is 8-9 overall and 5-2 in the conference. Westfield is 10-8 and 4-3.

The Bears, who led 41-33 at halftime, shot 48 percent from the field and out-rebounded Westfield, 48-34. The Owls shot 39 percent from the field.

Peter Santos had games highs of 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Bears. Ryan Anderson nearly posted a triple-double with 11 points, 12 assists, and nine rebounds.



Westfield State freshman Dan Holbrook of Lexington leads the Mass. State Conference in rebounding, averaging 10.2 boards per game. Holbrook is one of three freshmen starters for the Owls.

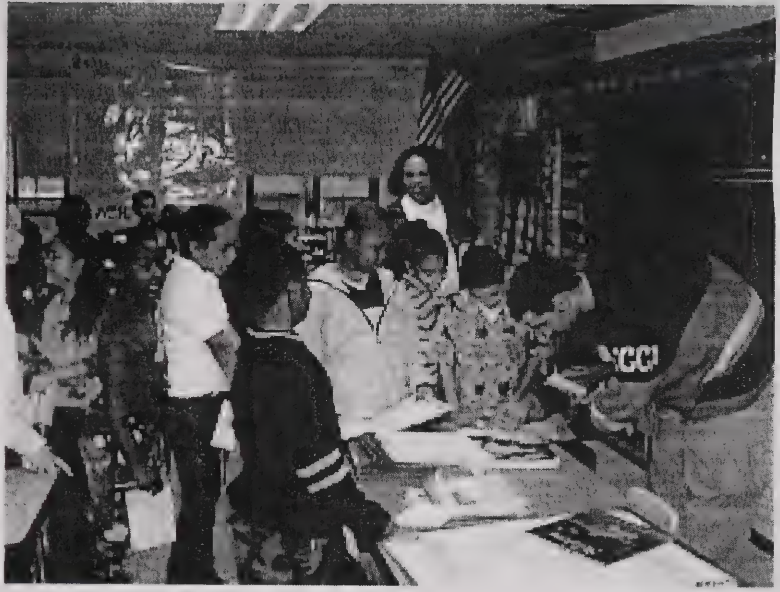
Freshman guard Ricky Ogboin led the Owls with 17 points and seven rebounds. Freshman point guard T.J. Baker had 14 points.

Men's Basketball
Westfield 82 – MCLA 67

WESTFIELD - Freshman point guard T.J. Baker (Staten Island, N.Y.) had 19 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and four steals to lead Westfield State to an 82-67 victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on Jan. 31.

Westfield actually trailed, 59-58, with 8:56 remaining as the scrappy Trailblazers canned five 3-point baskets in the first 11 minutes of the second half to rally from an eight-point deficit. The Owls then went on an explosive 20-2 scoring spree over the next six minutes to survive the upset bid.

Baker led the Owls in scoring despite canning only 8 of 18 free throws. Freshman forward Dan Holbrook (Lexington) had 14 points and eight rebounds in Westfield's balanced attack. Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic (Montenegro, Serbia) contributed 14 points, five rebounds and a team-high six assists, and freshman guard Ricky Ogboin (Brighton) finished with 12 points and six boards.



Westfield State freshman Ryan Goyette signs autographs during the men's basketball team's recent visit to the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School in Springfield. *Photo By Nancy Bals*

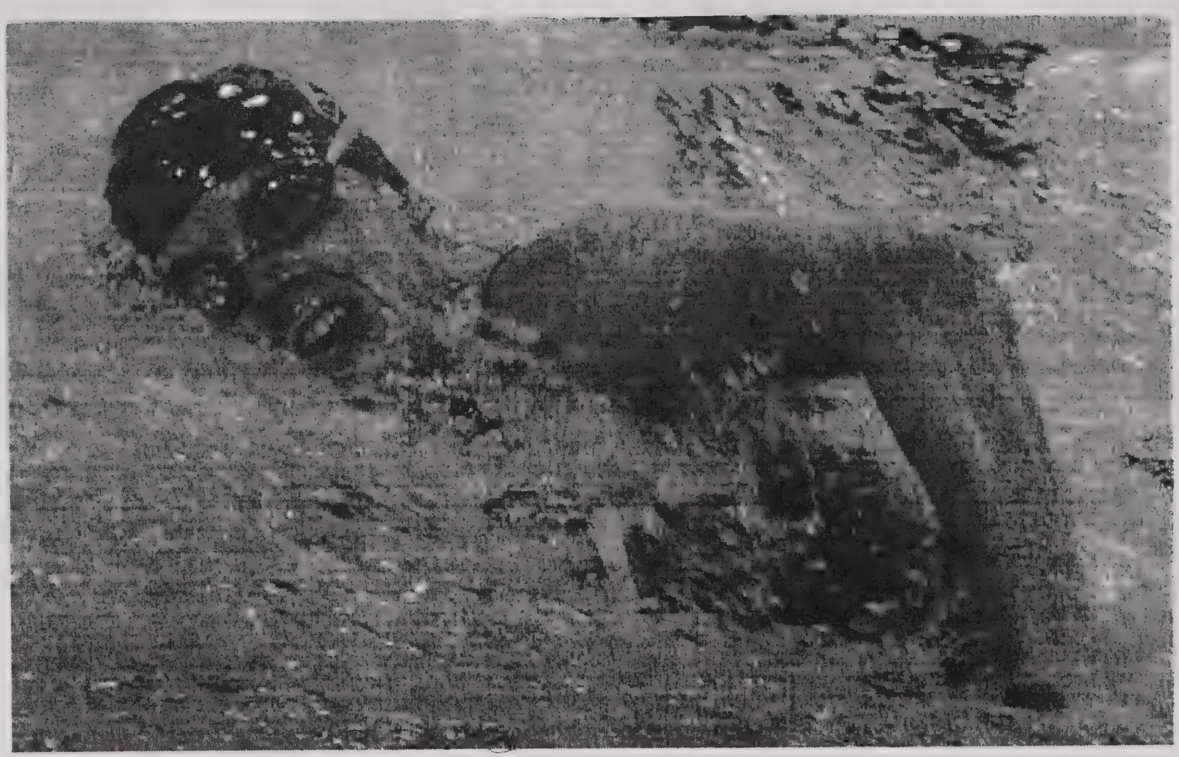
Swim Team Falls To Mt. Holyoke

SOUTH HADLEY – The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team dropped a 155-88 decision to Mount Holyoke College on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The setback snapped Westfield's four-game winning streak. The Owls now own a 5-2 record; Mount Holyoke is 3-3.

Sophomore Vanessa Morton (800 freestyle) and freshman Marianne Wilson (one-meter diving) were Westfield's individual winners.

Placing second were: Rachel Webb (800 freestyle, 400 freestyle), Nicole Spataro (200 freestyle), Jenny Gilbert (50 freestyle), Katie Piquette (200 individual medley), Morton (100 butterfly), Lindsey Bartosz (100 backstroke), and Wilson (three-meter diving).



Sophomore standout Vanessa Morton set two more school records in a recent meet vs. Salem State. Morton was clocked in 55.83 in the 100 freestyle and 2:02.72 in the 200 freestyle. She also holds the school record in the 50 freestyle (25.42), and has come close several times to setting the record in the 50 butterfly. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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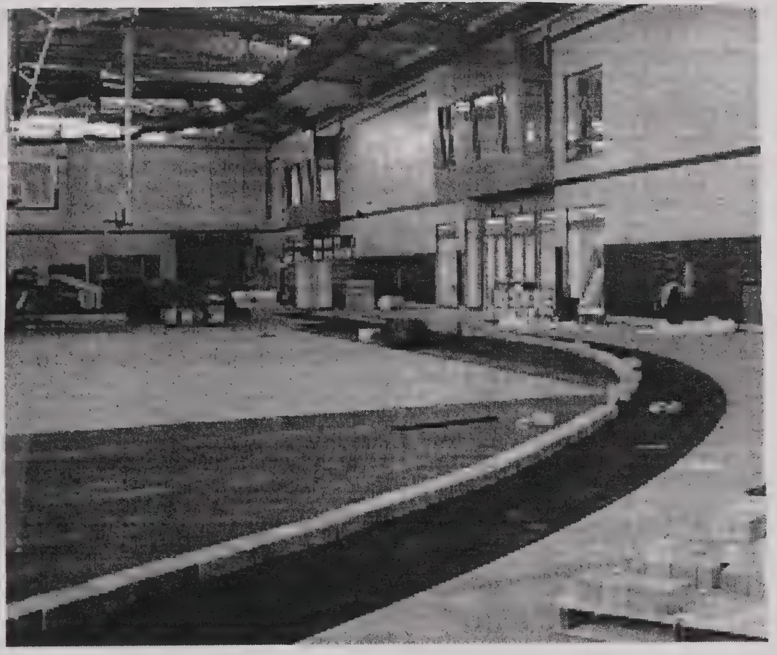

The field house is nearing completion as the indoor track running surface was installed last week. Photos by Ken Magarian (top) and David Harris-Fried (bottom).

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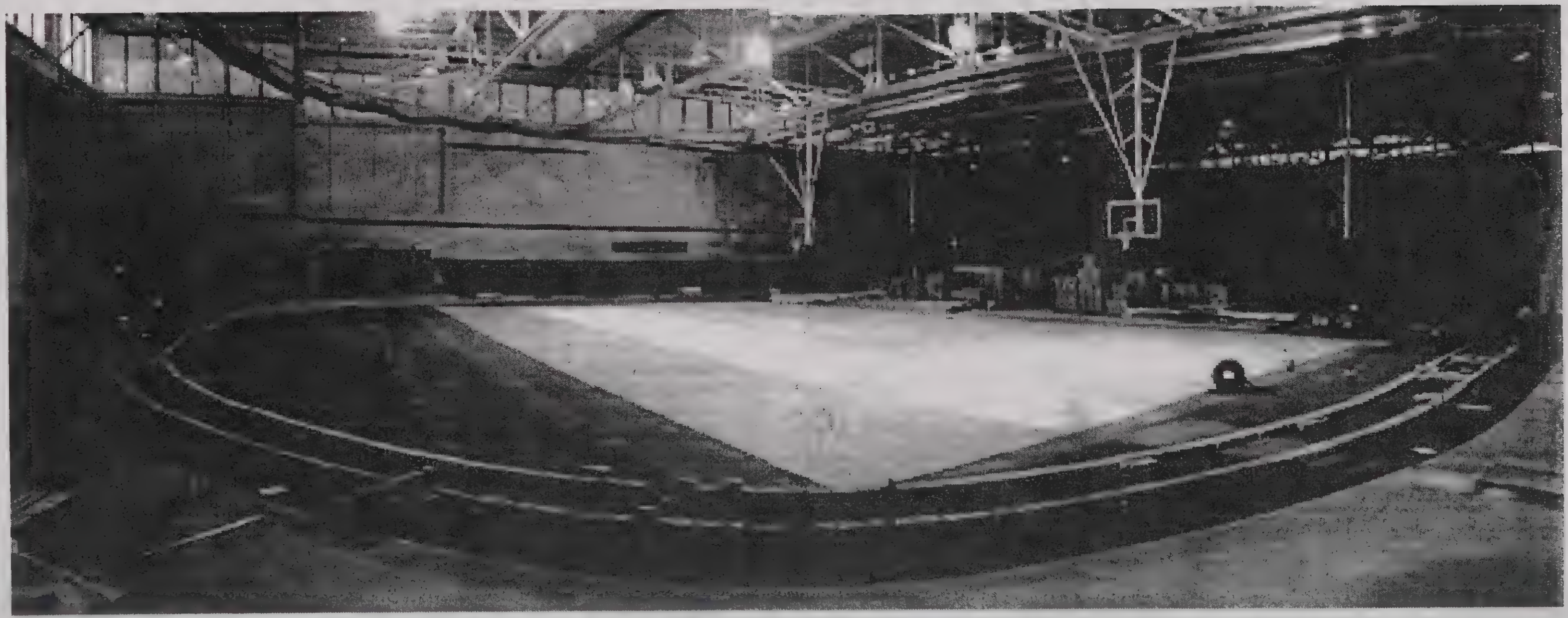

Thank You, Ed

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Dr. Edwin Abar was honored before the men's basketball game on Feb. 7 for his 40 years of dedicated service to the department of athletics and Westfield State College. In his distinguished 40 years of service, Dr. Abar was a student-athlete, coach, professor, mentor, community leader, department chair, and NCAA faculty athletics representative. Dr. Abar recently announced his retirement as a professor in the communication department. Presenting Dr. Abar with a Westfield State basketball jersey is head coach Rich Sutter. Many colleagues and friends attended the pre-game ceremony, including Nanci Salvidio, left, and vice president of student affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Swim Team Finishes With 7-2 Record

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WESTON – The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team concluded its dual meet season with a 140-103 victory over Regis College.

The Owls finished with a 7-2 record for their 11th straight winning season; they also were 7-2 last season.

Westfield's final competition is Feb. 20-22 when 15 of the 24 team members will participate in the New England Championships at Bentley College.

Westfield's only double winner vs. Regis was freshman Chrissy Lalli in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

Also finishing first were: Nicole Spataro, 100 backstroke; Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle; Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving; Becky Sirota, 50 freestyle; Erin Flynn 100 butterfly, Jaclyn Casali, 50 backstroke; and the 200 medley relay team of Morton, Katie Abare, Nicole Spataro, and Heather Nelson.

FIRST PLACE: 200 medley relay (Morton, Abare, Spataro, Nelson); Chrissy Lalli, 200 freestyle (2:17.67); Jaclyn Casali, 50 backstroke (32.42); Erin Flynn, 100 butterfly (1:05.41); Becky Sirota, 50 freestyle (28.15); Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving (206.90); Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle (57.29); Nicole Spataro, 100 backstroke (1:08.98); Chrissy Lalli, 500 freestyle (6:11.88).

SECOND PLACE: Nicole Acheson, 200 freestyle (2:19.82); Heather Nelson, 50 backstroke (34.45); Kelly Springham, 50 breaststroke (37.46); Clare Courynoyer, one-meter diving (201.70); Jenny Gilbert, 100 backstroke (1:12.45); Laura McCormack, 100 breaststroke (1:22.60).

THIRD PLACE: Katie Piquette, 200 freestyle (2:21.87); Nicole Spataro, 50 backstroke (35.10); Laura McCormack, 50 breaststroke (39.52); Vanessa Morton, 100 butterfly (1:08.20); Jenny Gilbert, 50 freestyle (30.06); Nikki Crowe, one-meter diving (180.70); Jaclyn Casali, 100 freestyle (1:03.55); Nicole Acheson, 100 backstroke (1:12.76).

INDOOR TRACK RESULTS @TUFTS

MEN'S Results - Feb. 7

THIRD PLACE: 4 x 200 Relay, 1:37.3.

FIFTH PLACE: Mark Howard, weight throw, 46-6 3/4; Mat LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.02.

SIXTH PLACE; Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 20-1/2.

SEVENTH PLACE: Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 40-4.

EIGHTH PLACE: Chris Predella, long jump, 18-10 3/4.

WOMEN'S Results - Feb. 7

FIRST PLACE: Jess Silva, 800, 2:19.44.

SIXTH PLACE: Danyelle Dillard, long jump, 15-4 1/4.

SEVENTH PLACE: Jen Howard, high jump, 4-11.

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Women's Basketball Win Streak Ends

Women's Basketball
Salem 68 – Westfield State 42

SALEM – Estrella Kuilan (15 points) was one of five players who scored in double figures for Salem in the Vikings' 68-42 victory over Westfield State Feb. 10.

Salem improved to 17-3 overall and 8-0 in the conference. Westfield, which had its eight-game winning streak snapped, is now 17-5 overall and 6-3 in the conference.

Salem, which rallied for a 55-53 victory at Westfield earlier this season, outscored the Owls 40-29 in the first half and 28-13 in the second stanza.

Westfield only shot 24 percent from the field for the game, and was scoreless from 3-point range (0-for-17). Also, the Owls committed 26 turnovers.

Sophomore Lekeisha Walker was the Owls' only player in double figures with 11 points; she also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

Women's Basketball
Westfield 66 – Worcester 50

WESTFIELD – Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker scored a game-high 22 points, and senior point guard Leslie Cooke had an outstanding floor game with 13 points, nine assists, no turnovers, and four steals to lead Westfield State to a 66-50 win on Feb. 7.

Westfield turned in one of its best shooting performances of the season as it shot 58 percent in the first half in taking a 42-27 lead. Westfield's biggest first-half lead was 42-22, but the Lancers scored five straight points to end the half, then went on a 9-2 run at the start of the second half to close to within eight, 44-36, with 15:23 remaining.

But the Owls regrouped and led by as many as 18 points in the second half, sparked by the play of Walker and Cooke, who canned two 3-point baskets to silence Worcester's comeback attempt.

Scoring 10 points apiece for the Owls were sophomore guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) and sophomore forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield). Freshman 6-1 reserve center Crystal Fraser (Rockville, CT) had a game-high 11 rebounds and two blocked shots in helping to neutralize Worcester State's 6-4 center Jennifer Harris.

Men's Basketball
Salem State 94 – Westfield 73

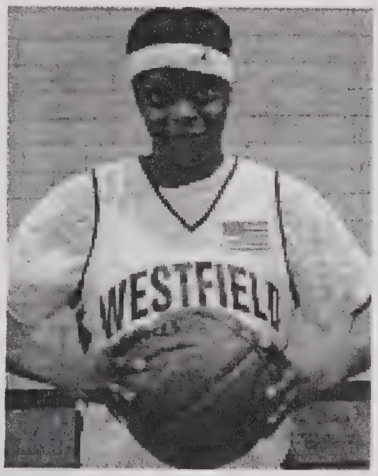
SALEM – Sophomore forward Shawn Bloom (Springfield/Minnechaug Regional) poured in 32 points to lead Salem State to a 94-73 victory Feb. 10.

The Vikings improved to 17-3 overall and 8-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is 10-10 and 4-5.

The Owls trailed 41-34 at halftime and were outscored 53-39 in the second stanza. Bloom was 12-for-18 from the field, including 4-for-8 from 3-point range.

Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic was Westfield's only player in double figures with 26 points. He was 4-for-10 from 3-point range and 6-for-6 from the foul line. Freshman Dan Holbrook had nine points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Westfield shot 36 percent (27-for-74) from the field. Salem shot 49 percent from the field and 84 percent (21 of 25) from the foul line.



Westfield State sophomore Lekeisha Walker was named Mass. State Conference player of the week for the third time this season. Walker leads the conference in scoring (16.1) and rebounding (10.1), is second in steals (3.1), and fourth in blocked shots (1.6).

Men's Basketball
Worcester 77 – Westfield 67

WESTFIELD – Sophomore guard Matt Savage tossed in 26 points to lead Worcester State to a 77-67 victory Feb. 7.

Worcester State led 32-31 at halftime and increased its lead to as many as nine points in the second half. Westfield drew to within four points several times, but the Lancers responded from the foul line where they were 23-for-35, including 19-for-27 in the second half.

The Owls managed to stay close despite committing 21 turnovers and shooting 6-for-28 from 3-point range, including a 1-for-11 first-half performance.

Senior guard Allen Murray led the Owls with 26 points. Freshman guards T.J. Baker and Ricky Ogboin scored 11 points apiece but they shot a combined 8-for-30 from the floor.

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Westfield State assistant baseball coach Ray Arra shows area youth players the proper way to throw a curveball at a baseball clinic held during school vacation week in Juniper Park. The clinic was sponsored by the Westfield State baseball team and coaching staff, and money raised was used to help fund the Owls' annual trip to Florida. The baseball team is scheduled to play 12 games in the Clearwater-Tampa area. The Westfield State softball team, which is scheduled to play 10 games in Fort Myers, Fla., is sponsoring a clinic this week.

Broxton Named Soccer Coach

Fred Broxton has been named the new head coach of the Westfield State College men's soccer team.

Broxton has more than 10 years of coaching experience, mostly at the high school level. From 1992 to 1999 he was the head coach at Brewster, N.Y., high school, and was named conference coach of the year in 1993 and 1994.

From 1994 to 1999 he was the Section I regional soccer chairman of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. He also served as the association's state soccer tournament director in 1998 and 1999.

Broxton, who currently resides in Springfield, also served as an assistant coach for two years at Manhattanville, N.Y., College and for a year at Western Connecticut State University. He played at Western Connecticut State in the late 1980s, and ranks second on the college's all-time scoring list.

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Westfield State senior men's basketball player Allen Murray poses for a picture with his father during Senior Day on Feb. 14.

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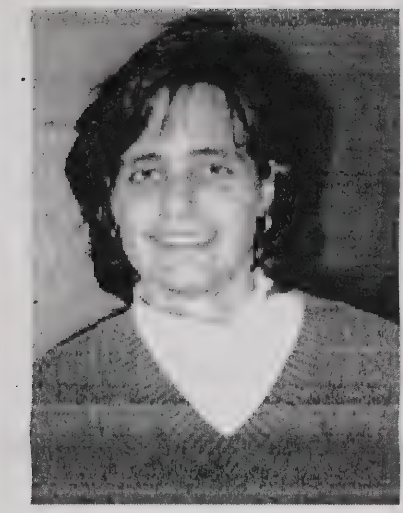

Dr. Diana Schwartz

Schwartz New Faculty Rep.

Dr. Diana Schwartz has been named the new NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR) for the Westfield State College athletics department.

A professor in the college's movement science department, Dr. Schwartz's duties as FAR will be varied. She will maintain a working relationship with the athletics department administrative staff in dealing primarily with student-athlete welfare, which includes academics issues, study hall programs, community service, recruiting, and compliance and eligibility.

Dr, Schwartz also will meet regularly with coaches and the college president to offer her expertise and input, and she will represent the college at regional and national seminars and conventions.

Dr. Schwartz has taught at Westfield State for the past eight and a half years. She earned her undergraduate degree in health and physical education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Following her graduation from IUP, the Pittsburgh native served as the head volleyball and softball coach at Clarion University of Pennsylvania for several years. Dr. Schwartz then attended Springfield College, where she obtained both her master's and doctorate degrees in physical education, with a specialization in sports psychology.

Dr. Schwartz replaces the recently retired Dr. Edwin Abar as Westfield State's faculty athletics representative.

Basketball Teams Edge Fitchburg

FEB 2004

Men's Basketball

Westfield 65 – Fitcburg State 57

WESTFIELD – Freshman guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, Conn.) scored a career-high 20 points to lead the Westfield State men's basketball team to a hard-fought 74-69 victory over Fitchburg State on Feb. 14.

Westfield improved to 11-10 overall and 5-5 in the Mass. State Conference. Fitchburg dropped to 8-13 and 3-6.

Playing without three starters, the Owls relied on some big performances from their reserves to record the key conference victory. Illangakoon canned four free throws in the final 55 seconds to cap an 8-0 Westfield run in the last two minutes.

Fitchburg State had taken a 69-66 lead with 2:22 remaining after trailing by as many as seven points in the second half. Westfield then won the game at the foul line, as its final field goal came with 7:42 remaining. The Owls made 13 free throws in the final seven minutes. For the game they were 20-for-28 from the charity stripe.

The Falcons had an opportunity to tie the game the closing seconds, but Jim Priganano's 3-point attempt was blocked by Westfield sophomore forward James Ogbunize (Springfield/Sci-Tech) with 4.5 seconds remaining. Ogbunize finished with eight points, 12 rebounds, four blocked shots and two steals.

Registering a double-double for the Owls was senior center Rich Pyle (Brookyn, N.Y.) with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic tallied 15 points, including a clutch 6-for-6 effort from the foul line in the game's final three minutes.

Senior forward Rashad Cope (Dorchester) led the Falcons with 19 points and seven rebounds. Senior guard Ja'Quaine Coe had 10 steals, six assists and 11 points.

Women's Basketball

Westfield 65 – Fitcburg State 57

WESTFIELD – Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker (Springfield) had 17 points, eight rebounds, three blocks and seven steals, and senior forward Meredith Maaskee (Coon Rapids, Minnesota) contributed 15 points, 10 rebounds and three assists to lead Westfield State to a 65-57 victory over Fitchburg State on Feb. 14.

Westfield improved to 18-5 overall and 7-3 in the Mass. State Conference. Fitchburg is 12-9 and 3-6.

Shooting well from 3-point range (7-for-17) the Owls led at halftime, 39-23. Their biggest lead was 18 points, 44-26, early in the second half before Fitchburg gradually mounted a comeback. The Falcons drew to within nine points several times, and trailed by six, 61-55, with 1:02 remaining. But Westfield senior guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley) canned six straight free throws in the final minutes to thwart the comeback. Cooke finished with 12 points, three assists and three steals.

The Owls, who did not make a field goal in the final eight minutes, were 16-for-19 from the foul line, including an 11-for-12 second-half effort.

Fitchburg junior forward Samantha Sweeney (Haverhill) had 17 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. The Falcons' only other player in double figures was Jen Fontaine (Dracut) with 13 points.

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Silva, Howard Win Alliance Titles

GORHAM, Maine – The Westfield State women's and men's track and field teams finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the New England Alliance championships held Feb. 14 at Southern Maine.

The Westfield women compiled 59 points in the 10-team meet, trailing Southern Maine (199.25), Keene State (160) and Eastern Connecticut State (73).

Claiming individual titles for the Westfield women were Jess Silva in the 800 and Jen Howard in the high jump. Silva also finished fifth in the long jump and seventh in the 55 dash.

The Owls' other top point getters were Danyelle Dillard (fourth, 200; eighth, long jump); CC Costello (sixth, triple jump and long jump; eighth, 55 hurdles), and Aimee Worcester (seventh, 3000; eighth, 1500).

In the 10-team men's meet, the Owls totaled 86 points, trailing Southern Maine (145), Rhode Island College (99), Keene State (96), and Eastern Connecticut State (91.5).

Westfield had no individual champions, but placing second were David Richardson (high jump), Shawn McCorquodale (long jump), and Peter King (shot put).

Richardson and McCorquodale also earned points by placing seventh in long jump and triple jump, respectively. King finished eighth in the weight throw.

John Muse was third in the 55 dash and sixth in the 200, while Mat LeMaire finished third in the 55 hurdles and fifth in the 200. Chris Flynn placed fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump. Eric Kelly was sixth in the 400 and seventh in the highjump.

Women's Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 199.25; Keene State 160; Eastern Connecticut State 73; WESTFIELD STATE 59; Worcester State 53; Salem State 37; UMass Dartmouth 33; Bridgewater State 26; Rhode Island College 26; Fitchburg State 19.75.

FIRST PLACE: Jess Silva, 800, 2:29.04; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0.

THIRD PLACE: 4 x 200 Relay, 1:53.53.

FOURTH PLACE: Danyelle Dillard, 200, 28.02.

FIFTH PLACE: Jess Silva, long jump, 15-10.75.

SIXTH PLACE: Bonnie Starsiak, 600, 1:54.04; Jessica MacMonegle-Ekness, 55 hurdles, 9.94; 4 x 400 relay, 4:41.26; 4 x 800 relay, 12:28.53; CC Costello, longjump, 15-6; CC Costello, triple jump, 31-5.

SEVENTH PLACE: Jess Silva, 55 dash, 7.93; Aimee Worcester, 3000, 11:51.3.

EIGHTH PLACE: Aimee Worcester, 1500, 5:29.25; CC Costello, 55 hurdles, 10.76; Danyelle Dillard, longjump, 15-4.

Men's Results

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 145; Rhode Island College 99; Keene State 96; Eastern Connecticut State 91.5; WESTFIELD STATE 86; UMass Dartmouth 57.5; Worcester State 41; Fitchburg State 23; Salem State 13; Bridgewater State 7.

SECOND PLACE: David Richardson, high jump, 6-6; Shawn McCorquodale, longjump, 21-1.75; Peter King, shot put, 46-6.25.

THIRD PLACE: John Muse, 55 dash, 6.7; Mat LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 7.99; 4 x 400 relay, 3:35.91; Kyle Piazza, shot put, 44-8.5.

FOURTH PLACE: Chris Flynn, triple jump, 41-9.

FIFTH PLACE: Mat LeMaire, 200, 24.0; Matt Dissell, shot put, 42-3.5; Mark Howard, weight throw, 46-0.25.

SIXTH PLACE: John Muse, 200, 24.14; Eric Kelly, 400, 54.15; Chris Flynn, long jump, 19-9.25.

SEVENTH PLACE: Chris Hume, 600, 1:28.36; 4 x 800 relay, 9:22.29; Eric Kelly, high jump, 5-10; David Richardson, long jump, 19-8; Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 40-10.5.

EIGHTH PLACE: Greg Aucoin, 200, 24.24; Rich Vecchione, 1000, 2:53.27; Peter King, weight throw, 41-9.25.

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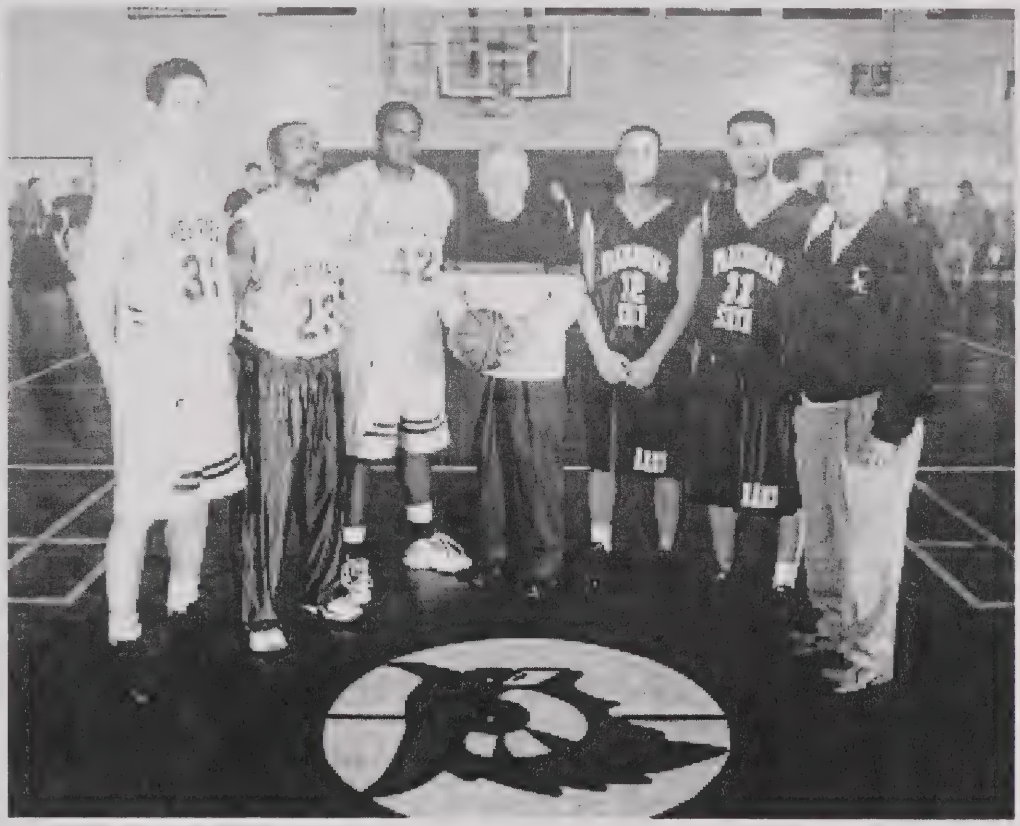

End Of An Era

Westfield State bid farewell to an old friend during the final regular season game played Feb. 19 in Parenzo Gym. Taking part in pre-game ceremonies to close the 48-year-old gym were, left to right: Westfield State seniors Vaso Jaukovic, Allen Murray and Rich Pyle; Don Farr (Westfield State Class of 1957), Framingham State's Chris Feeney and Anthony Faradie; and Bob Farr (Class of 1955). Don Farr played in the first game in Parenzo Gym on November 30, 1956, and he scored 29 points in Westfield's 77-54 victory over Worcester State. *David Harris-Fried Photo*

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Bob Farr

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Owls Outlast Worcester, 57-54; Advance To Finals

WESTFIELD – Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker (Springfield) led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points, and also totaled 19 rebounds, four blocks and two steals, to lead Westfield State to a 57-54 victory over Worcester State in a Mass. State Conference basketball tournament game Feb. 25.

Westfield, 21-5, faced rival Salem State in the conference championship game Saturday, Feb. 28, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

It was the 11th time in the 15-year history of the tournament that Salem and Westfield squared off in the finals. Salem, which defeated Westfield twice during the regular season, improved to 22-3 overall with a 69-55 semifinal victory over Fitchburg State.

Westfield led cold-shooting and turnover-prone Worcester State 29-18 at halftime, then held off the visitors in the second half. The Lancers only had five first-half field goals, but they scored four quick buckets in the second half to close within four points, 30-26, with 17:56 remaining.

Westfield regrouped to take its biggest lead of the second half, 44-32, with 10:35 remaining. But the Lancers, sparked by 17 bench points, whittled the Westfield lead to two points, 48-46, with 3:45 remaining.

The Owls then got a pair of clutch 3-point baskets to maintain their slim advantage. Sophomore guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) drained a trey from the left wing to make it 51-46. Worcester closed to within two again, then senior forward Meredith Maaske (Coon Rapids, Minnesota) nailed a 3-pointer from the deep left corner for a 54-49 Westfield lead with 2:08 remaining.

Maaske also made a free throw with 27 seconds remaining to make it 55-51. Worcester's Amanda Kowal (Oxford) made a free throw with 10 seconds remaining, then - after Walker missed the front end of a one-and-one–Rachel Odugbela (Providence) drove for a layup for a 55-54 Westfield lead with 2.3 seconds remaining.

Westfield successfully inbounded the ball and senior point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley) was fouled with 1.4 seconds remaining. She made both free throws for the game's final points. Worcester State did inbound the ball to midcourt, but Kathy Ward's (Fall River) desperation shot was way off the mark.

Also scoring in double figures for Westfield were Maaske (12 points) and sophomore forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) with 12 points apiece. McCarthy finished with 10 points.

Odugbela came off the bench to score a team-high 13 points for the Lancers, including three 3-point baskets. Ward scored 12 points.

Worcester only shot 22 percent and committed 14 turnovers in the first half, but the Lancers shot 46 percent in the second half and had only four turnovers. Westfield – which is ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense (48.2) - only shot 31 percent from the field and was 5-for-18 from beyond the arc.

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Swim Team Places 10th

MARCH 2004

WALTHAM – The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team finished 10th out of 21 teams in the New England Division II-III swimming and diving championships held Feb. 20-22 at Bentley College.

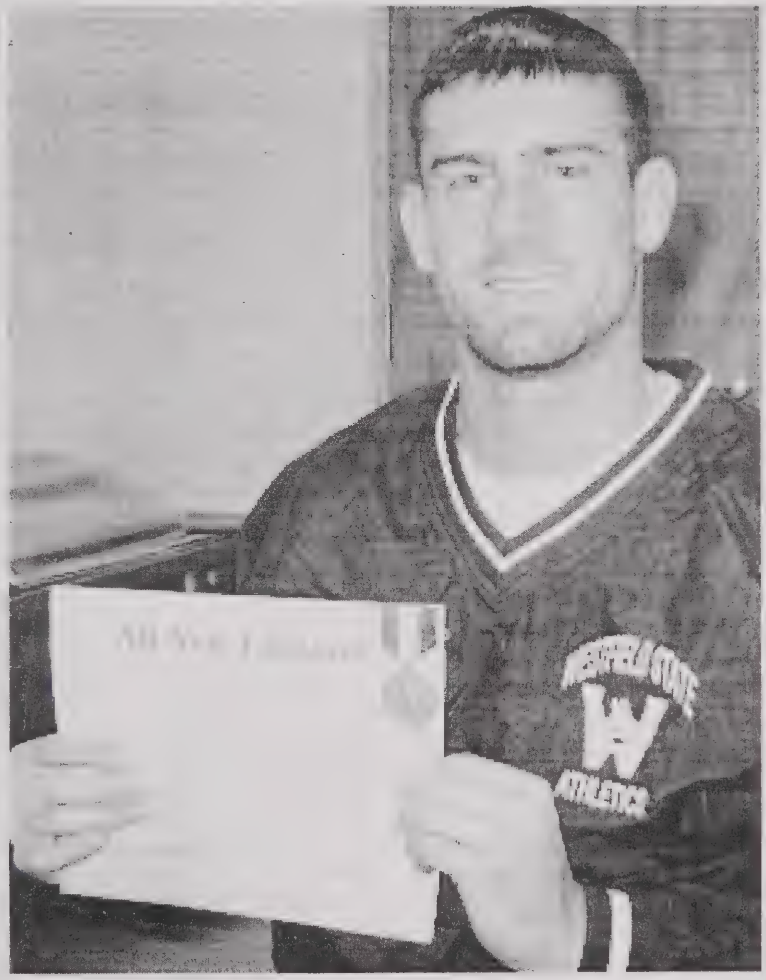
Sophomore standout Vanessa Morton of Wellfleet was the Owls' top performer in the three-day meet. Morton placed second in the 50 freestyle (25.81) and third in the 100 freestyle with a school record clocking of 55.16, shattering her own record 55.83 she set on Jan. 31. The Nauset Regional graduate also placed eighth in the 50 butterfly.

Freshman Rachel Webb of West Springfield was fifth in the 200 butterfly and freshman diver Marianne Wilson was eighth in the one-meter diving. Sophomore Lindsey Bartosz of Chicopee came in seventh in the 50 backstroke and 10th in the 200 backstroke.

New England Division II-III Swimming and Diving Finals

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bentley 895; 2. Mass Dartmouth 722; 3. Brandeis 716; 4. Keene State 613; 5. St. Michael's 469; 6. Colby Sawyer 462; 7. Plymouth State 378; 8. Bridgewater State 322; 9. WNEC 298; 10. Westfield State 273; 11. Simmons 260; 12. U. of New England 238; 13. Eastern Connecticut 231; 14. Gordon 227; 15. St. Joseph, CT 127; 16. Western Connecticut 123; 17. Regis 58; 18. Salem State 23; 19. Norwich 19; 20. Wheelock 5; 21. Elms 0.

SECOND PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 50 freestyle, 25.81.
THIRD PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle, 55.16.
FIFTH PLACE: Rachel Webb, 200 butterfly, 2:26.27.
SEVENTH PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 50 backstroke, 30.54.
EIGHTH PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 50 butterfly, 29.09; Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving, 274.95.
NINTH PLACE: 400 freestyle relay, (Bartosz, Acheson, Webb, Morton), 3:56.60
10th PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 200 backstroke, 2:25.39.
11th PLACE: 200 freestyle relay (Gilbert, Piquette, Bartosz, Morton), 1:50.43.
12th PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 100 backstroke, 1:06.39; Nikkie Crowe, one-meter diving, 223.10; 400 medley relay (Spataro, Piquette, Webb, Nicole Acheson), 2:26.34; 800 freestyle relay, (Piquette, Spataro, Acheson, Webb), 8:57.86.
13th PLACE: Rachel Webb, 500 freestyle, 5:42.50; 200 medley relay (Bartosz, Piquette, Morton, Gilbert), 2:02.26.



New England Champ MARCH 2004

Westfield State senior Mat LeMaire finished first in the pentathlon at the New England Division 3 track and field championships Feb. 21 at Bowdoin College. LeMaire totaled 3,276 points in the grueling one-day, five-event competition to edge Trinity's Chris Orr by 22 points. LeMaire placed sixth in the 1,000 meter run (2:57.85), first in the 55 high hurdles (8.06), first in the high jump (6-2), third in the long jump (19-4) and second in the shot put (36-7). Also earning All New England honors were sophomore David Richardson in the high jump and senior Jess Silva in the 800 meter run. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Men's Hoops Eliminated By Bridgewater In Tournament

MARCH 2004

Bridgewater 89 – Westfield 62

BRIDGEWATER – Juniors Matt Badiali and Chris Hayes both scored 21 points to power Bridgewater State to an 89-62 victory over Westfield State in a semifinal game of the Mass. State Conference basketball tournament Feb. 25.

Bridgewater, 13-12 and the No. 2 seed, played top seeded Salem State in the championship game. Salem handled Worcester State, 78-52, in the other semifinal. Westfield finishes with a 13-11 record.

The Bears bolted to a commanding 49-26 halftime lead in front a large crowd at the Adrian Tinsley Center, behind 14 points from Hayes and 11 from Baldiali. Bridgewater shot 53 percent in the first half, while Westfield only shot 30 percent, including a dismal 1-for-10 from 3-point range.

Senior point guard Ryan Anderson notched seven assists for Bridgewater, pushing his season total to 173 to break the school record of 170, set in 1975 by Steve Jantz. Anderson is currently fifth in NCAA Division III, averaging 6.9 assists per game.

Senior center Rich Pyle led the Owls with a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds). Ricky Ogboin scored 11 points and James Ogbunize had 10 points, six rebounds and two blocks.

Westfield State 87
Mass. College 73

NORTH ADAMS – Six players scored in double figures, led by Ricky Ogboin's 23 points, in Westfield State's 87-73 victory over Massachusetts College on Liberal Arts on Feb. 21.

Westfield finished its regular season 13-10 overall and placed third in the Mass. State Conference with a 7-5 record. Mass. College finished 1-24 and 0-12.

Westfield played at No. 2 seed Bridgewater State Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

The Owls - who used just eight players - only led by four points, 73-69, with 2:55 remaining. But Westfield went on a 14-4 run in the final 2:35, including eight points by Ogboin.

Other top performers for the Owls were: senior Vaso Jaukovic (14 points, six rebounds), freshman guard Ryan Goyette (13 points, eight rebounds), freshman guard Gavin Illangakoon (11 points, seven rebounds), sophomore James Ogbunize (10 points, seven rebounds), and senior center Rich Pyle (10 points).

Mass. College, which made 10 of 30 three-point attempts, was led by Robert Mitchell (24 points) and Chet Columbus (23 points). Senior Glenn Mills of Springfield scored 12 second-half points to finish his collegiate career with 1,011 points.

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Sophomore Ally Vanasse is tossed high into the air at a Westfield State cheering exhibition held recently at Longmeadow High School during the Western Mass. High School tournament. The Owls' competition squad thrilled the overflow crowd with its aerial routines. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

The bleachers have been installed and a worker puts the finishing touches on a portion of the running track in Westfield State's new field house. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference
2003-2004 Howard C. Smith Cup Standings
(Following Winter Sports)

Place	College	Points	Possible Points	Percentage
1.	Bridgewater State	30	48	.625
2.	Westfield State	20.67	48	.431
3.	Worcester State	15.67	48	.326
4.	Salem State	12.67	42	.302
5.	Framingham State	12	48	.250
6.	Mass. Maritime	2	24	.083
7.	Fitchburg State	3	42	.071
8.	Mass. College	0	30	.000

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Westfield State Women's Basketball Team

MARCH 2004

The Westfield State women's basketball team posted a 21-6 record and placed second in the Mass. State Conference. In the first row, left to right, are: Megan Santos, Kate Simonds, Christina Obert, Leslie Cooke, Meredith Maaske, Erin Lowney, Dionna Barrow, Meghan McCarthy. Second row: head coach Steve Marcil, manager Kristen Kemmerer, Amanda Chapin, Lekeisha Walker, Latesha Murphy, Crystal Fraser, Kristen Strole, Sarah Langner, assistant coach Holly McGovern, assistant coach Bob D'Angelo. Missing is Shanna Litterst. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Owls Earn All-Conference Honors; Walker Selected Player Of Year

Four Westfield State players and a head coach were selected to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference basketball squads.

Heading the honorees was Lekeisha Walker, who was named MASCAC women's basketball Player of the Year. The sophomore forward from Springfield was first in the conference in rebounding (10.4 per game), second in scoring (15.6) and steals (3.2), third in field goal percentage (.445), and fourth in blocked shots (1.9).

It was the second major award for Walker, who was named the Conference Rookie of the Year as a freshman.

Westfield State's Steve Marcil was selected the MASCAC women's Coach of the Year by his peers. Marcil, a Lee native and a 1992 Westfield State graduate, guided the Owls to a 21-6 record for their first 20-win campaign in six years. Westfield finished second in the conference to perennial power Salem State.

Walker was a member of the all-conference first team, while senior point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley) and sophomore forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) were second team selections. Cooke ranked third in the conference in assists (3.3) and averaged nine points per game. Chapin was the conference's third leading rebounder (8.8) and averaged 9.4 points per game.

Selected to the MASCAC men's basketball all-conference second team was senior forward Vaso Jaukovic, who averaged 11.6 points and a team-high 7.0 rebounds per game. He also led the Owls with 35 three-point baskets and was second in assists (2.5).

WSC Hall Of Fame To Induct Six

Six former Westfield State College greats have been selected for induction into the college's Athletics Hall of Fame.

The ninth annual inductions will take place Saturday evening, May 1, at Scanlon Banquet Hall on the Westfield State campus. Following the inductions there will be 69 members in the prestigious Hall.

The Class of 2004 inductees include: Jim Bruno ('91), basketball; Pat Donoghue ('89), football; Paula Eaton-Kohari ('93), softball/soccer; Victor Gilmer ('89), track and field; Jerry Gravel, coach/faculty (1969-1999); and Edward Welch, faculty/administrator (1948-73).

Contact the Westfield State athletics department at 572-5405 for ticket information.

JIM BRUNO

Jim Bruno was a basketball shooting and scoring sensation for the Owls.

The 1991 WSC graduate set 17 school records, including all the 3-point shooting standards, during his four years at Westfield State. The year (1986) he entered Westfield State was the advent of the 3-point shot in college basketball, and the 5-10 sharpshooting guard from Southwick took full advantage of this landmark rule change, cranking up nearly half of his career field goal attempts from beyond the arc.

Forty-four percent of his 1,575 career points were the result of 3-point baskets, and Bruno held the New England Division III career records for most 3-pointers made (231) and attempted (504). He is still holds all of Westfield 3-point records, including 3-pointers made (8), attempted (14) and shooting percentage (8 for 10) in a game.

During his sophomore season, he set records for 3-pointers made (79), 3-pointers made per game (3.7), and shooting percentage (.485). He shot 45 percent from beyond the arc and averaged nearly two and a half 3-point baskets made per game during his four-year collegiate career.

Bruno also excelled from the foul line, where he established school records for most consecutive free throws made (39), and free throw shooting in a season (86 percent in '89) and career (82 percent).

Bruno's senior season was especially satisfying as he also played point guard in leading the Owls to a 16-11 record and second place in the Mass. State Conference. Bruno set a then school record that season with 589 points, an average of nearly 21 points per game despite his additional duties of directing the offense. He scored 20 or more points in 11 straight contests during this second half of the season, averaging 27.1 points per game. In addition, he led the Owls in assists per game (3.6).

His efforts did not go unnoticed as he was a second-team All New England selection and an all-conference first team pick in 1991. He also was a first-team all-conference selection during his sophomore season.

A three-sport standout in basketball, baseball and soccer at Southwick High School, Bruno continues to stay active by playing in highly competitive basketball leagues in the Springfield area during the winter and summer months.

A criminal justice major at Westfield State, Bruno is currently employed at the Ludlow prison.

PAT DONOGHUE

Pat Donoghue was a star football player for Westfield State College in the late 1980s.

During his senior year in 1989, Donoghue – a 5-10, 210 pound linebacker - was named an NCAA Division III second-team All American. Donoghue was the only player from Massachusetts and one of only four from New England to receive the prestigious national honor.

The Malden, Mass., native also was a first-team ECAC All New England and a first-team New England Football Conference (NEFC) selection in 1989. During his junior season he was an NEFC all-conference pick.

A two-year captain, Donoghue set school records during his senior season for most tackles in a game (23), season (131) and career (419). He still holds the school record for most career tackles, and shares school records for most tackles in a game and most fumbles recovered in a season (4) and career (9).

Donoughue graduated from Westfield State in December of 1989 with a criminal justice degree. He graduated from the New England School of Law in 1999 and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 2000. He is currently employed in the Middlesex sheriff's office in Billerica, Mass.

Donoghue and is wife Maura – a 1991 Westfield State graduate – live in Georgetown, Mass., with their three daughters: Rory (6) and identical twins Caitlin and Brenna (4).

PAULA EATON-KOHARI

Paula Eaton-Kohari ('93) gained national recognition as a base stealing whiz while playing softball at Westfield State College in the early 1990s.

During her junior season in 1992, Eaton-Kohari was selected a first-team All America outfielder when she batted .514 and set an NCAA Division III record with 52 stolen bases in 33 games. Putting the number in its proper perspective. the runner-up in the Mass. State Conference had 14 stolen bases in 1992.

Eaton-Kohari finished her outstanding four-year career with 139 stolen bases. also an NCAA Division III record. Eleven years later, she still ranks third nationally in career base thefts.

Her breakout season came as a sophomore when she led the nation in stolen bases per game. The fleet outfielder from Middleboro, Mass., swiped 37 bases in 25 games for an average of 1.48 steals per game. This feat placed her on the All New England Division III first team and Northeast Region second team.

During her junior and senior seasons, she was named to the Mass. State Conference, All New England and Northeast Region first teams.

Her base stealing exploits, however, weren't the only facet of her game that attracted regional and national recognition. Eaton-Kohari finished her career with a .449 batting average and a .516 on base percentage, both Westfield State records.

In total, she set and still holds 13 school records, including most runs scored in a career (109), most hits in a season (55) and career (151), and most hit by pitches in a season (8) and career (17).

Eaton-Kohari was very active on and off the playing field at Westfield State. She also played soccer for three years at Westfield State and made the all-conference team in 1991. In the classroom, she was a movement science major with concentrations in elementary physical education and sports medicine. Because of her double concentration, some semesters she took as many as seven classes to achieve her academic goals. Furthermore, she was hired as a permanent substitute teacher in the West Springfield school district during her senior year.

Eaton-Kohari has remained extremely active since graduating from Westfield State. She played in numerous softball leagues and has run in many road races, including a grueling 17-mile run over a 13,500 foot mountain.

Eaton-Kohari also is an accomplished hiker, rock climber and mogul skier, participating in the latter 85 days per year for the past six years.

Eaton-Kohari works in a preschool in Telluride, Colorado, where she resides with her husband Moiz, and two children Sarah and Noah.

VICTOR GILMER

Victor Gilmer was a two-time All American and a six-time New England champion for the Westfield State track and field team during the second half of the 1980s.

Gilmer earned All America honors in the 110 meter hurdles in 1986 with an eighth place finish at the NCAA Division III outdoor championships, and by placing third in the 55 meter hurdles at the national indoor championships held at Smith College in 1988.

He just missed All America honors a third time by placing seventh in the 55 hurdles at the 1986 indoor nationals.

Gilmer made an immediate impact upon arriving to Westfield State in 1985. He captured New England Division III individual championships in the 55 and 110 hurdles in both his freshman and sophomore seasons. He also was and a member of Westfield's New England championship 4 x 100 relay squads in 1985 and 1986.

The 1989 Westfield State graduate still holds school records in both hurdle events. He earned New England honors 10 times, including a second place in the 55 meter dash during his freshman year.

Gilmer was the first freshman in Westfield State history to place in the All New England championships that includes Division I colleges, finishing sixth in the 110 hurdles. He also exhibited his versatility by placing second in the 1985 Mass. State Conference triple jump finals with an outstanding effort of 44-2.

The biggest hurdle the Jamaica Plain, Mass., High School graduate cleared came after sustaining a knee injury while playing football for the Owls in the fall of 1986. Following reconstructive knee surgery, Gilmer spent many hours in rehabilitation. His strenuous workouts proved successful as won the ECAC title and finished third in the 55 hurdles at the 1988 national championships.

Gilmer is currently self-employed and has worked in consumer and real estate financing since graduating from Westfield State with a business management degree.

He resides in Dorchester, Mass., with his wife, Yvonne, and two sons, Darius (8) and Evan (6).

JERRY GRAVEL

Jerry Gravel is the most successful coach and served the longest coaching tenure in the history of Westfield State College varsity athletics.

Gravel began the men's track and field program upon his arrival to Westfield State in 1969, and developed the sport into a state and regional power before announcing his retirement as head coach in June of 1997 after 28 stellar seasons.

His teams were particularly strong in the 1980s. Westfield State won the New England Division 3 outdoor championships in 1980 and 1985; placed second in 1981 and 1988 and third in 1982 and 1989; and finished fourth in 1986.

The Owls were even more dominating on the conference level. After track and field became a Mass. State Conference sport in 1972, Gravel's teams won or shared 20 of 26 championships, including 13 consecutive titles from 1983 to 1995.

Westfield's track and field teams also achieved many individual successes. Gravel guided 32 All Americans and 139 national qualifiers in NCAA Division 3 championship meets.

He also began the Westfield State men's cross country program in 1969 and built it into a conference perennial power, serving as the head coach for a total of 15 years.

Always showing concern for his students both on and off the playing field, Gravel constantly stressed the importance of individual accomplishments.

"Once you've maximized individual potential you have a winning team," Gravel said. "Individual potential counts, along with having fun."

This simple philosophy has gained him a large and loyal alumni following, many of whom still keep in close contact with their college coach.

"I had a lot of good experiences at Westfield State," said Gravel. "I've had a lot of good kids who were successful students and who are now successful in their professions."

Gravel, a native of Attleboro, Mass., graduated from UMass-Amherst in 1960 and was a member of the track team. He spent two years in Ohio, graduating with a master's degree from Kent State and coaching high school basketball in Massillon for a year.

After serving in the Army, Gravel was the cross country and assistant track and field coach at East Islip High School on Long Island until 1966. Before coming to Westfield State in 1969, he was the field events coach at Boston State, now UMass Boston, for three years.

Gravel also was a highly respected faculty member in the movement science department during his long tenure at Westfield State. Upon his retirement, he was honored with faculty emeritus status as an associate professor of movement science.

Gravel now resides in Oceanside, Calif., near San Diego, with his wife Joan. He teaches part-time at a local community college and enjoys the outdoors. He and his wife also enjoy spending time with their two children and three grandchildren.

EDWARD WELCH

Edward Welch made significant contributions during the formative years of the Westfield State intercollegiate athletics program.

He joined the Westfield State College faculty in 1948 and served as the adviser/director of the Men's Athletic Association for eight years. All male students at the college were members of the Association, which included intramural sports and two intercollegiate sports: baseball and basketball.

Welch played a pivotal role in the expansion of the athletics program in the mid-1950s, an era when the college's male enrollment nearly doubled. Welch initiated the long-range plans to increase the number of varsity sports offered, and he was a catalyst in Westfield State's acceptance into the 15-member New England Teachers College Athletic Conference in March of 1955.

His efforts also were crucial in the campus' expansion movement from downtown Westfield to its present location in 1956.

Following his involvement with athletics, Welch served as the college's dean of men and director of admissions until his retirement in 1973. After his retirement, the commonwealth named Welch Hall – one of the college's three apartment residential halls – in his honor.

Welch spent his retirement years in both Newport, R.I., and Mansfield, Conn. He lived in Newport from 1973-1985 and from 2000 until his death in 2002 at the age of 92. In Newport, he served as a guide and historian at the Preservation Society's Hunter House and wrote a history of the house.

Welch was born in Williamstown, Mass., and graduated from Williams College in 1931 with an English degree. He also obtained a master's degree from Williams. Welch taught at Williamstown High School until 1938 when he accepted a position at the New York Military Academy in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. He was drafted by the U.S. Army in August of 1943 and was captured by German troops in November of 1944. He remained a Prisoner of War until the end of the war.

Following his Army discharge, Welch became a member of the faculty of the postwar branch of the University of Massachusetts at Fort Devens. Three years later he joined the faculty at Westfield State.

Welch is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Christopher of Newport; a daughter, Alicia Watt and her husband James Watt of Mansfield, Conn., and two grandchildren.

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Football ('89)

Paula Eaton-Kohari
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Victor Gilmer
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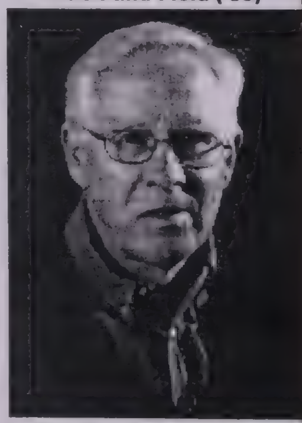
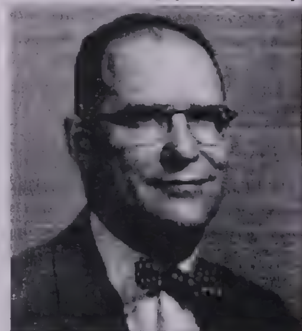


Jerry Gravel
Coach/Faculty (1969-1999)



Edward B. Welch
Faculty/Administrator
(1948-1973)

2003-2004

Baseball Team Earns Split; Falls To Amherst

April 2004

Baseball Splits With Mass Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY - Westfield State and Mass Maritime split a doubleheader in conference baseball action.

Mass Maritime, 2-1, overall, took the opener, 2-1. Westfield, 4-10 overall, won the nightcap, 3-2. In the opener, the Bucs received a solid pitching performance from junior Greg LeBlanc, who struck out seven and allowed two walks and four singles in going the distance.

Mass Maritime scored a run in the third and fifth innings off losing pitcher Derek Anghilante (Palmer).

Westfield scored on a run in its final at bat. The Owls had the bases loaded with one out and runners and second and third with two outs but were unable to push across the tying and/or winning runs.

Westfield senior centerfielder Pat Ryan (Adams) was 1 for 2 with a run scored. Freshman catcher Chris Hebert of South Hadley had an RBI.

In the second game, senior lefty Nate Hall twirled a three-hit complete game to give the Owls the twinbill split. Hall struck out four and walked three.

Sophomore first baseman Pat Jaehnig collected half of Westfield's six hits, going 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Ryan was 1-for-2 with two runs scored

Amherst 6 – Westfield State 2

AMHERST - The Amherst College baseball team scattered 10 hits and used four pitchers en route to a 6-2 victory over Westfield State on Tuesday, April 6.

Senior starter Duncan Webb and rookie Brian Donahue each pitched three scoreless innings for the Jeffs, now 7-7 on the season.

The Lord Jeffs – who outhit Westfield, 10-7 - jumped out to a 5-0 lead after five innings. Westfield staved off a shutout with two runs in the ninth. All New England centerfielder Pat Ryan (Adams) led off with a triple and scored on Pat Jaehnig's groundout. Chris Visone walked and later scored on a single by Shaun Geary.

Ryan was 3-for-4 to boost his batting average to .500 and Geary was 2-for-4.

Westfield, 4-11, used three pitchers, with sophomore Joe DelSoldato sustained the mound loss.

Westfield
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Left to right: Westfield State softball coach Lou Ann Simchak and senior captains Suzie Scott and Sarah Simmons.

Track and Field Results

Trinity College Invitational
Saturday, April 3, 2004

MEN'S RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE: Peter King, shot put, 45-10 1/2; Peter King, discus, 142-0.

SECOND PLACE: Mark Howard, hammer throw, 154-0.

THIRD PLACE: Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 15.99; Chris Hume, 400 Hurdles, 57.27; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 40-11; Dave Bergeron, javelin, 176-9.

FOURTH PLACE: Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 19-5.

FIFTH PLACE: David Richardson, high jump, 5-10; Kyle Piazza, discus, 117-5.

SIXTH PLACE: Kyle Piazza, shot put, 41-6; Matt Dissell, shot put, 41-6.

SEVENTH PLACE: Craig Skribiski, long jump, 19-0; 4 x 100 Relay (Greg Aucoin, Aaron Larcom, Mat LeMaire, John Muse), 45.11.

EIGHTH PLACE: Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 1:00.8.

WOMEN'S RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE: Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 17-6 1/4; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 35-5 3/4.

THIRD PLACE: CC Costello, javelin, 117-2.

FOURTH PLACE: Jess Silva, 800, 2:19.69.

SIXTH PLACE: Heather Wenninger, 10,000 meters, 40:28.97; 4 x 100 Relay (Jess Silva, Tessa Donoghue, Danyelle Dillard, Jen Howard), 53.02.

SEVENTH PLACE: Jen Howard, high jump, 4-10; CC Costello, 15-1 1/2.

2003-2004

March 8, 2004

Women's Basketball Falls In Title Game

SALEM – Sophomore six-foot center Estrella Kuilan had 24 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks to power Salem to a 68-53 victory over Westfield State in the Mass. State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball tournament championship game.

Salem, 23-3 and winners of 15 straight, advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament for a national record 21st straight season. The Vikings - who have won 67 conference games - have captured 12 straight and 14 of the previous 15 MASCAC tournament championships. Westfield, which has played in 11 tournament championship games, finishes its season with a 21-6 record.

Salem trailed 19-14 midway through the first half, but sparked by freshman guard Jennifer Tamillo (Salem) and a strong inside attack, the Vikings went on a 9-0 run over the next five minutes.

Salem led 29-25 at halftime and began gradually pulling away early in the second half over a cold shooting and foul-proned Westfield team. The Owls pulled to within six points, 36-30, after a 3-point basket by senior guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley).

Salem led by seven points, 46-39, with 8:25 remaining, then the Vikings began a march to the foul line in increasing their lead. Kuilan led the second-half charge with 18 points, including an 8-for-9 effort from the foul line.

Westfield was unable to take advantage of Salem's subpar free throw shooting (22-for-40) as the Owls only shot 26 percent from the field, including 4-for-20 from 3-point range.

Also scoring in double figures for Salem were Tamilio (12 points) and freshman guard Meghan DePatsy (Holden) with 10 points.

MASCAC Player of the Year Lekeisha Walker - a sophomore forward from Springfield - led Westfield with 15 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and two steals. However, she was sidelined early in the second half with four fouls and played 28 minutes.

The Owls' other top inside player - sophomore forward Amanda Chapin of Westfield - fouled out with seven minutes remaining. Chapin contributed five points and 11 rebounds in 25 minutes of action.

Cooke finished with 14 points and senior Meredith Maaske (Coon Rapids) scored 13 points before fouling out late in the game.

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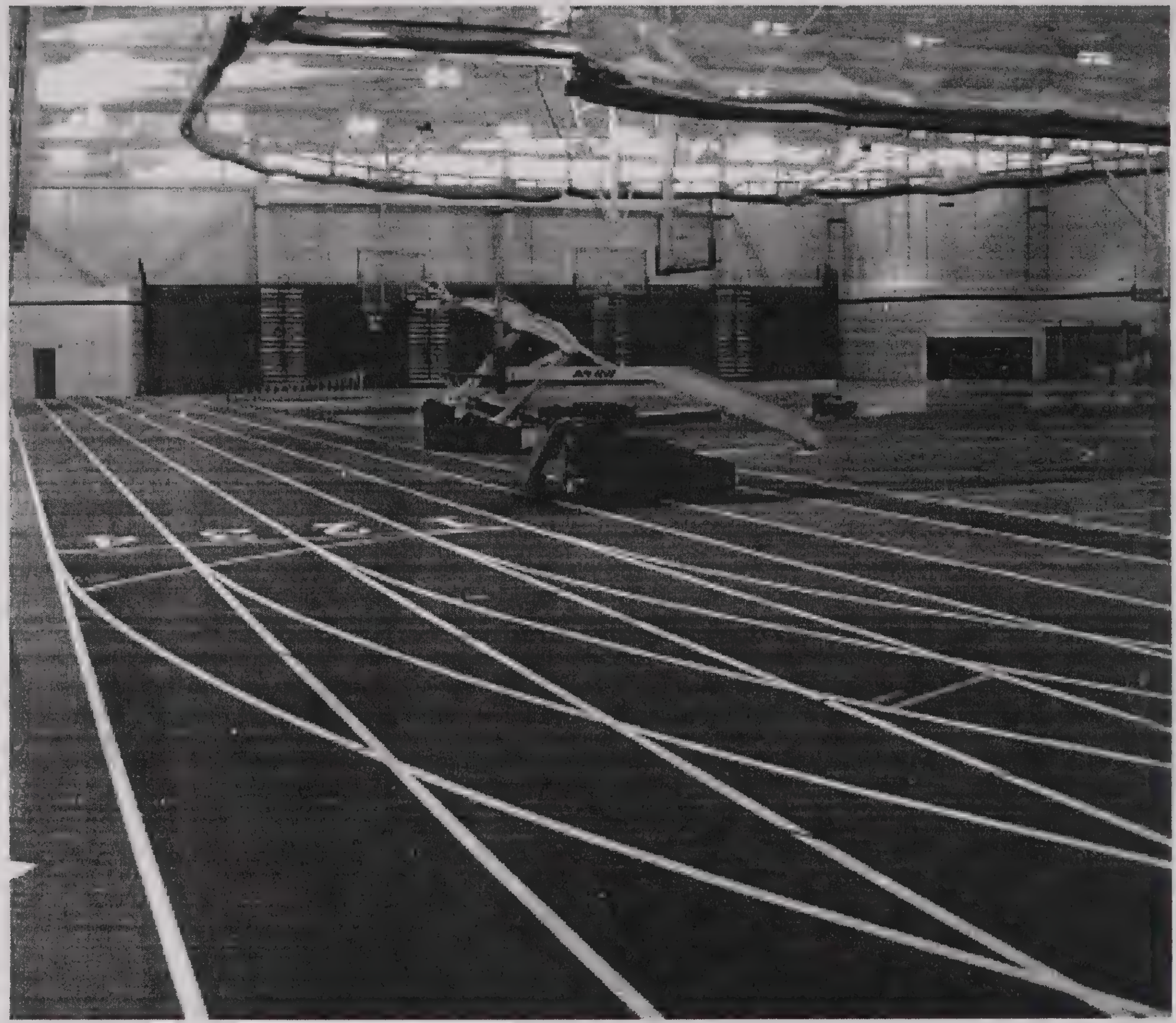

The field house features a four-lane competition running track that is six lanes on the straightaways. It also includes official jumping and throwing areas for the field events. April 2004 *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

2003-2004

Softball Sweeps Mass. Maritime

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WESTFIELD - The Westfield State softball team swept Mass Maritime Academy, 14-6 and 10-4, in a conference doubleheader.

The Owls improved to 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 7-7 overall.

In the opener, Westfield won in five innings. Westfield freshman leadoff hitter and first baseman Joanna Bruyere (Northbridge) was 4-for-4 with four runs scored and two stolen bases. Sophomore Kayla Banaszek pounded two doubles and had two RBI, and junior catcher Liz Oliveira rapped a two-run double.

Winning pitcher Leah Peterson was 1-for-4 with three RBI and freshman rightfielder Lindsey Adams (Westfield) was 1-for-1 with three runs scored.

The Owls won the second game despite being outhit, 10-7. Oliveira was 2-for-3 with two doubles and three RBI and junior Amanda Fregeau (Athol) was 1-for-3 with a double, sacrifice fly and three RBI. Peterson was 2-for-3.

Sarah Simmons walked one and struck out three in earning the complete game victory.

Softball Swept By W. Conn.

DANBURY, Conn. – The Western Connecticut State University softball team swept a twilight doubleheader from Westfield .

Western Conn. evened its record at 7-7 while Westfield is 7-9.

In the opener, Western scored all of its runs in the fourth inning. Westfield scored twice in the sixth. *Liz Oliveira and Casey* Greg both had a single and an RBI. Losing pitcher Sarah Simmons allowed eight hits.

In the nightcap, Western snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the fourth and a run in fifth. A last-inning rally by Westfield fell short as it scored one run.

The Owls were outhit, 10-7. Emily Tangney and Amanda Fregeau both rapped two singles and Casey clubbed a double.

Beth Garfield was the losing pitcher.

Casey Greggo cracks a two-run homer during Westfield State's victory over Salem State. The junior from Wappinger Falls, N.Y., leads the Owls with two homers. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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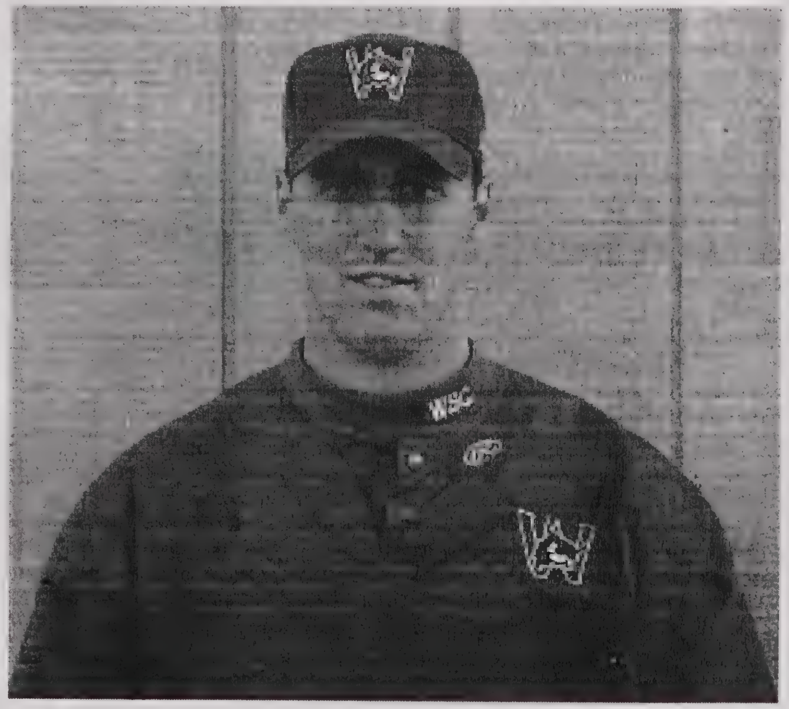

Pat Ryan has already tied a school record he set last year as he has belted six triples in the first 15 games for the Westfield State baseball team. The All New England senior centerfielder leads the Owls with a .500 batting average (27 hits in 54 at bats).

2003-2004

WSC Student-Athletes Achieve High Marks In Classroom

April 2004

By Mickey Curtis, SID

One hundred twenty (120) Westfield State College students have been recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the 2003 fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The 3.0 Club represents approximately 40 percent of the student-athletes at Westfield State College, and increase of seven percent from the previous year. In addition, 46 percent of the student-athletes (139 of 299) earned a 3.0 or better semester grade point average.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes; the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches for their support and guidance."

The 3.0 Club students will be honored Wednesday evening, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the seventh annual athletics academic reception in Scanlon Hall. The honorees will have an opportunity to invite one of their professors to the reception as their special guests.

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

Women's Basketball: Amanda Chapin, Leslie Cooke, Crystal Fraser, Sarah Langner, Meredith Maaske, Meghan McCarthy, Kate Simonds, Kristen Strole.

Women's Cross Country: Caitlin Bates, Sarah Clark. Stephanie Guy, Jillian Slyva, Colleen Wimberly, Adriana Gomez, KellyRose O'Brien.

Women's Field Hockey: Kate Anderson, Ashley Brogan, Christina D'Ambrosio, Amy Eisenman, Renee Gahan, Stacey Holland, Cailtlin O'Reilly, Laura Scott, Diana Swidrak, Theresa Yacovone

Women's Track: Caitlin Bates, CC Costello, Danyelle Dillard, Jennifer Howard, Jacqui Hunt, Jessica MacMonegle-Eckness, Bonnie Starsiak, Jess Silva

Women's Soccer: Sara Barrows, Jenni Bruno, Jenn Hendry, Kate McMillan, Katie O'Brien, Julia Paone, Erin Reim, Jess Silva, Alyssa Chakiris.

Women's Softball: Nicole Benson, Joanna Bruyere, Kara Doleva, Rosemary Dowling, Casey Greggo, Liz Oliveira, Sarah Peters, Leah Peterson, Suzanne Scott.

Women's Swimming: Lindsey Bartosz, Erin Flynn, Jenny Gilbert, Heather Nelson, Katie Piquette, Becky Sirota, Nicole Spataro, Rachel Webb.

Women's Volleyball: Beth Chapdelaine, Joelle Hibert, Sarah Lund, Leah Schmidt, Lindsay Skaret, Rachel Sweeney, Stefanie West.

Cheering: Michelle Faletra, Jessica Hart, Victoria Janega, Sara Raymond, Allison Vanasse, Armand Hunter.

Baseball: Jason Brown, Troy Ferguson, Shane Higgins, Patrick Jaehnig, Ken Owens, Justin Parr, Brian Thomas.

Men's Basketball: Ryan Goyette, Dan Holbrook, Vaso Jaukovic, Bob Marvel.

Men's Cross Country: Stephen Cole, Jay Cunha, Matt Frederick, Brandon Knox, John Krzystofik, Kyle Lawson, Rich Vecchione.

Men's Track: Greg Aucoin, Chris Flynn, Mark Howard, Peter King, John Krzystofik, Aaron Larcom, Chris Martin, Kyle Piazza, Rich Vecchione.

Men's Soccer: Joe Borelli, Robbie Crossman, Jay Jeffrey, Matt Ross, Tyler Roy, Patrick Smith, Andrew Tighe, Jon Witowski.

Men's Football: Paul Geary, Mike Hurteau, Adam Lapon, Chris Meyer, Dan Navin, Justin Sargent, Mike Schieb, David Trueira, John Walsh, Dave Webster, Mike Williams, Matt Wooliver, Dan Helvetius, Chris Lapointe.

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WSC Softball Results

April 2004

WESTFIELD – Westfield State and Worcester State split a softball doubleheader in a pair of one-run games.

Westfield won the opener, 2-1, while Worcester took the second game, 3-2.

In the opener, winning pitcher Leah Peterson (Lakeville) had a no-hitter broken up with one out in the sixth inning on an inside-the-park home run by Kathy Ward.

Peterson finished with a three-hitter in improving her record to 6-2. The junior lefty walked two and struck out four.

Westfield scored both of its runs in the third inning on RBI singles by junior Liz Oliveira (Fall River) and sophomore Kayla Banaszek (Swansea). The Owls collected 10 hits, with Oliveira going 3-for-3 and Banaszek going 2-for-3.

In the nightcap, the Owls outhit Worcester State, 12-5, but they committed five costly errors that led to three unearned runs and stranded 12 baserunners.

Trailing 3-0, Westfield finally got on the scoreboard in its final at bat. Emily Tangney laced a one-out bases loaded RBI single and Suzie Scott had a sacrifice fly as Westfield closed to within a run, 3-2. But Casey Greggo flied out to center field to end the game with runners and first and second.

Banaszek was 3-for-4 in the second game to give her five hits on the day. Collecting two single apiece were Amanda Fregeau (Athol), Tangney and Greggo.

WNEC 6 - Westfield 0

WESTFIELD – Western New England College won its 23rd straight game with a 6-0 victory over Westfield State in non-conference softball action.

WNEC improved to 28-9 overall while Westfield dropped to 9-16.

Westfield was only outhit, 8-5, but the Owls committed six errors.

WNEC scored its final four runs in the fourth inning.

Winning pitcher Jackie Shedlock improved to 16-4; she hurled five innings, allowing three hits and two walks while whiffing seven. Beth Garfield – Westfield's No. 3 pitcher – went the distance for the loss.

Bridgewater Sweeps Westfield

BRIDGWATER - The Bridgewater State College softball team continued to establish itself as one of the best in the MASCAC as they took two games from Westfield State, 6-2 and 5-2.

Bridgewater improved to 9-1 in the conference and 16-14 overall; Westfield is 6-4 and 9-15.

Westfield took an early lead in both games, but the Bears scored five runs in the fourth inning of the opener and three runs in the third inning of the nightcap.

Westfield junior Liz Oliveira (Fall River, MA) led the Owls in the first game, going 3-for-4 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI. Sophomore Kayla Banaszek (Swansea, MA) drove in the Owls' other run on an RBI double.

In game two, Banaszek shined once again, going 2-for-3 with an RBI double. Senior pitcher Sarah Simmons (Salem, MA) gave up five runs on six hits in six innings of work as she picked up the loss.

Varsity Sports Spring Banquet Is Wednesday, May 5, 5:30. Pick Up Tickets In Ely 244.

Track and Field Results

Springfield Invitational Saturday, April 17, 2004

MEN'S RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE: Mark Howard, hammer throw, 154-11; Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 42-9 3/4; Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 16.41; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 55.8; 4 x 100 relay, 43.24.

SECOND PLACE: Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 21-3/4; Peter King, shot put, 48-1/2; Peter King, discus, 139-3; 4 x 400 Relay, 3:33.11.

THIRD PLACE: David Richardson, high jump, 6-0; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 40-7 3/4; Eric Kelly, 400 hurdles, 58.67; Stephanie Guy, 1500, 5:20.26.

FOURTH PLACE: Eric Kelly, high jump, 5-10; Chris Flynn, long jump, 19-4; Kyle Piazza, shot put, 43-7; Dave Bergeron, 40-4 3/4; Ben Butterfield, 400, 52.79.

FIFTH PLACE: Chris Predella, 400, 52.89.

WOMEN'S RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE: Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 17-3 1/4; Tessa Donoghue, 38-3/4; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-1/4; 4 x 100 Relay, 51.26; Heather Wenninger, 1500, 5:12.65; Jess Silva, 400, 61.04; Danyelle Dillard, 200, 27.56.

SECOND PLACE: Danyelle Dillard, 100, 13.32; Jess Silva, 200, 27.83.

THIRD PLACE: Kristin McCann, 3000 steeplechase, 15:50.

FOURTH PLACE: Caitlin Costello, triple jump, 31-9 1/2.

SIXTH PLACE: Aimee Worcester, 5000, 21:47.2.

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Baseball Squad Bombs Becker

Westfield 18 – Becker College 0

LEICESTER – The Westfield State College baseball team cruised to a seven-inning 18-0 non-conference victory over Becker College on Tuesday, April 20.

Westfield improved its record to 10-14; Becker is 4-19.

The Owls jumped out to a 9-0 lead after three innings on the strength of a six-run first inning. They scored seven runs in their final at bat.

Westfield blasted 18 hits, including three doubles and two homers. Freshman catcher Chris Hebert of South Hadley was 2 for 3 with two RBI, three runs scored and a homer. Freshman designated hitter Joe Jachym of Westfield cracked a three-run homer. Ryan Shimmon was 3 for 5 with three runs scored and Shaun Geary was 2 for 4 with three RBI. Shane Higgins was 2 for 4 with a double, while Jay Hardell had a double and three RBI.

Junior Jared Seltzer threw the first five innings for the pitching victory. He gave up five hits and two walks and whiffed five. Derek Anghilante pitched in relief.

Westfield, Worcester Split

WESTFIELD – Westfield State and Worcester State split a baseball doubleheader in Mass. State on Conference action.

Worcester won the first game, 3-0, while Westfield took the second game, 6-5.

In the opener, the Lancers manufactured three runs in the first four innings and Al Robillard (Webster/Bartlett) tossed a six-hit shut. The junior lefty struck out 10 in the seven-inning game. Losing pitcher Nate Hall also went the distance, allowing six hits and two earned runs.

Jeff Wood was 2 for 3 for the winners and Tom Shea slugged an RBI double. First baseman Pat Jaehnig was 2-for-3 for Westfield.

In the nightcap, the Owls withstood two Worcester comebacks for a 6-5 victory.

Westfield tied the score with two runs in the bottom of the third, then took a 5-3 lead with two runs in the sixth. Worcester tied the score in the top of the seventh and last inning on an RBI groundout by pinch hitter Dan Walker and a suicide squeeze bunt by Kirk Russell.

But Westfield didn't waste any time in its final at bat as freshman shortstop Troy Ferguson led off with a triple to deep centerfield, then scored on a perfectly placed single by Ryan Shimmon (Great Barrington) to the left side of a drawn-in infield and outfield.

Joe DelSoldato (West Stockbridge) was the winning pitcher in relief of Derek Anghilante (Palmer). Anghilante pitched into the seventh inning, allowing two earned runs and six hits.

Shimmon was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, and Chris Visone and Hebert were both 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Bridgewater Sweeps Westfield

BRIDGEWATER - The Bridgewater State College baseball team swept a Patriots Day doubleheader with MASCAC rival Westfield State

Bridgewater won game one, 10-3, and completed the sweep with a 7-5 win in the nightcap.

In game one, the Bears used a big third inning and another solid outing from sophomore hurler Greg Sunderland (Rehoboth, MA) to catapult them to the 10-3 win.

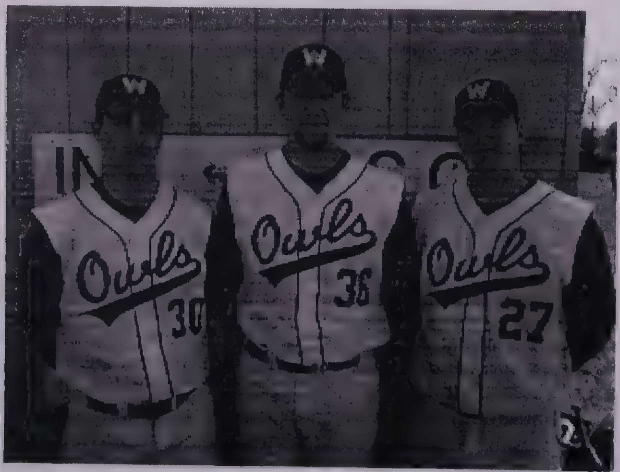
Trailing 1-0 in the third, the Bears exploded for six runs.

Westfield cut the lead to 6-3 on a pinch hit two-run home run from junior Shaun Geary (1-for-1, 2 RBI) in the top half of the fifth inning. BSC, however, answered with a four-run sixth to put the game out of reach.

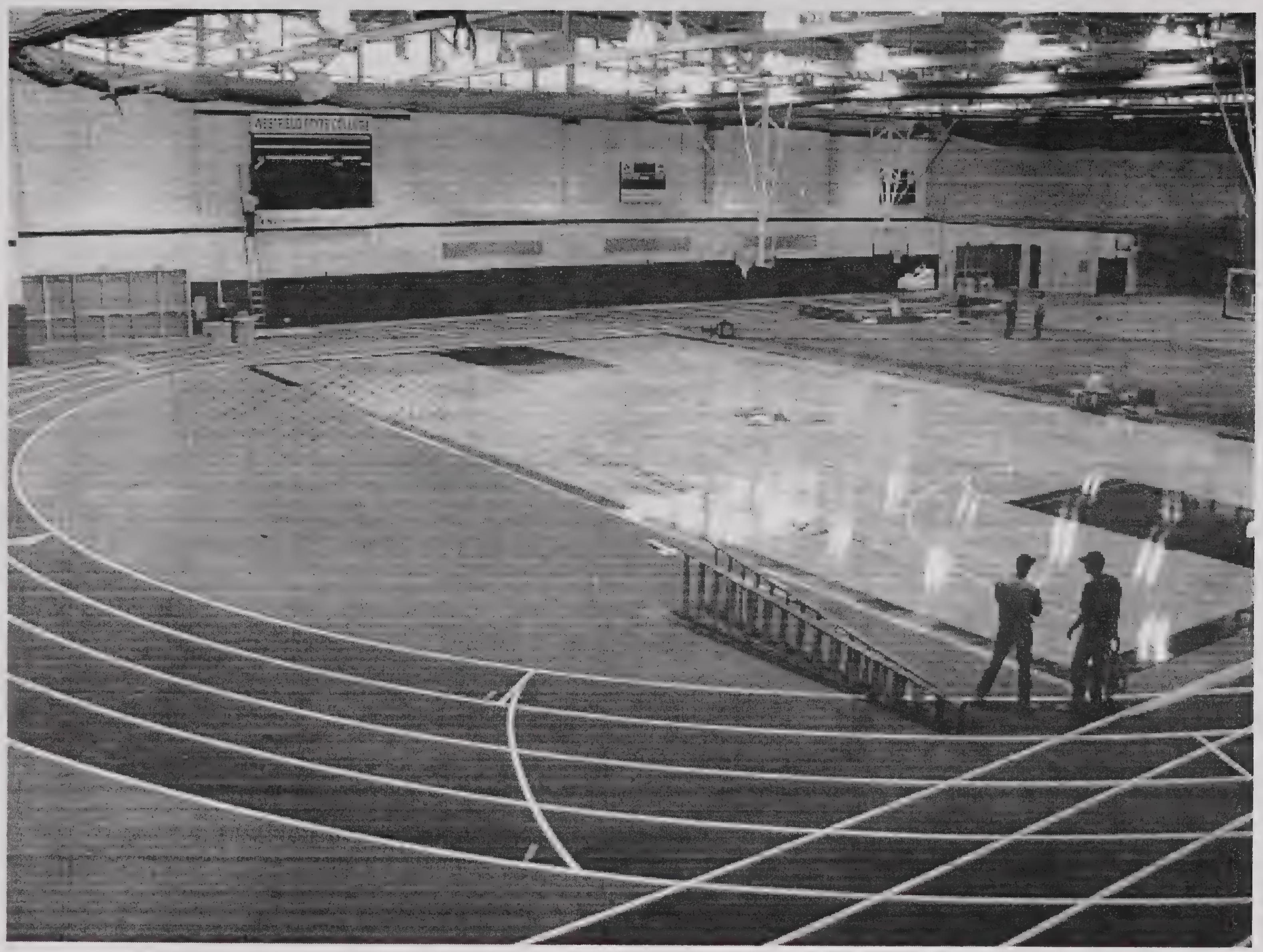
In game two, BSC trailed 3-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning before erupting for seven runs to take the lead for good.

Westfield starter Joe DelSoldato (W. Stockbridge, MA) pitched well for the Owls before running into trouble in the fifth inning. DelSoldato allowed only three base runners through the first four innings as he was keeping the Bridgewater batsmen off balance.

All told, he allowed five runs on five hits in 4 1/3 innings while walking three and striking out two. Junior Kenny Owens (2-for-4, run) and sophomore Nate Chase (2-for-3, run) led the way offensively for the Owls in game two with two hits apiece.



Senior members of the Westfield State baseball team, left to right: Pat Ryan, Nate Hall and Ryan Salvador.



The lines have been painted on both the basketball court and running track as Westfield State's new field house nears completion. This photo was taken Wednesday, April 14. In addition, the scoreboard that includes a message center has been installed. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Track and Field Results

Williams College Relays
Saturday, April 10, 2004

WOMEN'S RESULTS:
SECOND PLACE: Tessa Donoghue, high jump, 5-2; Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 16-6.
SIXTH PLACE: Danyelle Dillard, 200, 27.02; Jen Howard, high jump, 4-10; CC Costello, triple jump, 31-1.
SEVENTH PLACE: Danyelle Dillard, 100, 13.59; Jess Silva, 800, 2:28.45; Kristin McCann, 3000 steeplechase, 16:31.61.

MEN'S RESULTS:
FIRST PLACE: Peter King, shot put, 47-10; Dave Bergeron, javelin, 166-9.
SECOND PLACE: David Richardson, high jump, 6-2.
THIRD PLACE: Mat LeMaire, 110 high hurdles, 16.09; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.36; 4 x 400 Relay, 3:35.36; Kyle Piazza, shot put, 44-6; Peter King, discus, 142-3; Mark Howard, hammer throw, 157-4.
FOURTH PLACE: John Muse, 100, 11.4; 4 x 100 Weight throwers relay, 50.7; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 40-2.
FIFTH PLACE: Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 39-3.
SIXTH PLACE: Eric Kelly, high jump, 5-10; Dave Bergeron, triple jump, 39-2; Matt Dissell, shot put, 41-7; Mat LeMaire, javelin, 130-3.
SEVENTH PLACE: Ben Butterfield, 400, 52.71.

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WSC Cheering Tryouts

WSC 2004 cheerleading tryouts for both the All-girl (games) and Co-ed (competition) squads will be April 24-25th at Juniper Park Elementary School - adjacent to the college after the senior apartments entrance.

There are two practices, Saturday evening (4-6 pm), and Sunday morning (11 am to 1 pm), with the tryouts starting right after (1-4 pm).

You can come to either practice, or both of them, we do the same thing at each one! There is no need to attend more than one, unless you want to.

For tryouts, females will learn a cheer, a sideline, a dance, show 2 jumps, and a standing bh and pass if you have one. We're looking for at least a standing and round-off bh for the competition team; football has no tumbling requirements. Please wear a t-shirt and shorts, with all your hair pulled up off your shoulders, and no jewelry!

Tryouts for the men are more informal, they will work on some co-ed stunts with our veteran team members, as well as backing some group stunts. Any tumbling experience is a plus.

All incoming freshmen will need a medical release form (you can sign it yourself that day if you're over 18; if not, we can mail you one for your parents to sign) and a photocopy of your insurance card.

Please contact Coach Lisa Moskow at 800-883-4169 or online at lmoskow@uca.com with any questions on conflicts.

Softball 5-1 In MASCAC

FITCHURG – The Westfield State College softball team split a conference doubleheader with Fitchburg State.

The Owls held on for a 10-9 victory in the opener, then were nipped in the nightcap, 2-1.

Westfield is 5-1 in the Mass. State Conference and 8-12 overall. Fitchburg is 4-2 and 12-7.

Westfield erupted for nine second-inning runs to take an early 9-1 lead. Fitchburg tied the score with two runs in the third and three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Westfield scored the winning run in the fifth when Suzie Scott singled and was sacrificed to second by Lindsey Adams. Scott advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored a groundout by Joanna Bruyere.

Oliveira was 3 for 3 with a double and RBI in Westfield's 14-hit attack. Kayla Banaszek was 2 for 4 with two doubles and two RBI. Suzie Scott and Lindsey Adams both collected two singles.

In the second game, Scott rapped an RBI single in the second to tie the score. Fitchburg pitcher Jenn Nesluan delivered the game-winning hit, an RBI double in the sixth.

Leah Peterson was 2 for 3 and freshman shortstop Rose Dowling was 1 for 2 with a triple and a run scored.

Senior Sarah Simmons was the losing pitcher, allowing eight hits and four walks.

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Peterson Pitches No-Hitter

WESTFIELD – Junior Leah Peterson (Lakeville) pitched two complete-game victories, including a no-hitter in the nightcap, to lead Westfield State to a 4-3, 5-0 doubleheader softball sweep of Massachusetts College April 27.

Despite the sweep the Owls were eliminated from postseason tournament competition; they placed fifth in the conference with an 8-6 record. Their overall record this year was 11-19-1. Mass. College finished 11-19 and 6-8.

Peterson struck out two and walked none during her second-game gem. The junior lefty did hit one batter and her teammates committed six errors, including three in the final inning.

The Owls snapped a scoreless tie with a five-run fifth inning. The big blow was a three-run double by hot-hitting Kayla Banaszek. Leadoff batter Joanna Bruyere was 4 for 4 and Casey Greggo was 2 for 2 with a double.

In the opener, Westfield came from behind twice for a 4-3, eight-inning triumph. The Owls tied the score with a run in the sixth. Mass. College took a 3-2 lead in the eighth, but Westfield scored twice in its final at bat, with Banaszek driving in the winning run.

Banaszek was 3 for 4 with two RBI and Bruyere was 2 for 3 with a double.

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Junior Leah Peterson pitched complete-game victories, including a no-hitter in the nightcap, in the Owls' 4-3 and 5-0 victories over Massachusetts College in their final games this season.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Track and Field Squads Defend MASCAC Titles; Men Win Alliance Again

ALLIANCE WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Southern Maine 218.5; 2. Keene State 126.5; 3. Westfield State 109.5; 4. Eastern Connecticut 57; 5. Rhode Island College 56; 6. Bridgewater State 56; 7. Fitchburg State 48; 8. Salem State 35; 9. Mass Dartmouth 33.5; 10. Worcester State 27.

FIRST: Tessa Donoghue, 400, 58.4; Heather Wenninger, 18:52; 4 x 100 relay (Silva, Donoghue, Costello, Dillard), 50.65; Tessa Donoghue, high jump, 5-2; Tessa Donoghue, long jump 17-5 1/2; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 37-6 3/4.
SECOND: Jess Silva, 800, 2:23.67.
THIRD: Danyelle Dillard, 200, 26.18; Caitlin Bates, 10,000, 44:48.43; Tessa Donoughue, 100 hurdles, 16.69; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0.
FIFTH: Jessa Silva, long jump, 15-6 3/4; CC Costello, javelin, 113-5.
SIXTH: Jess Silva, 100, 13.05.
SEVENTH: Danyelle Dillard, 100, 13.06; Heather Wenninger, 5:16.99; 4 x 400 relay (Guy, Wesolowski, Worcester, Wenninger), 4:45.91.
EIGHTH: CC Costello, triple jump, 31-11 1/4.

MASCAC WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westfield State 186; Bridgewater State 131; Fitchburg State 114; Salem State 69; Worcester State 62.

Complete Track/Field Reports Will Be Published Next Week

ALLIANCE MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westfield State 127; 2. Eastern Connecticut 118; 3. Southern Maine 100; 4. Mass Dartmouth 94; 5. Keene State 84; 6. Rhode Island College 73; 7. Fitchburg State 60; 8. Worcester State 59; 9. Bridgewater State 44; 10. Salem State 21.

FIRST: Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 54.89; David Richardson, high jump, 6-3 1/2; Peter King, shot put, 48-8 3/4.
SECOND: 4 x 400 relay (Butterfield, Aucoin, Hume, Kelly), 3:25.75; Peter King, discus, 135-11.
THIRD: John Muse, 100, 11.23; 4 x 100 relay (LeMaire, Larcom, Muse, Aucoin), 43.78; Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 21-4 1/2; Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 43-3 3/4; Kyle Piazza, shot put, 44-10 1/4; Mark Howard, hammer throw, 160-5.
FOURTH: David Richardson, 400, 52.19; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 15.35; Matt Dissell, discus, 128-10.
FIFTH: John Muse, 200, 22.73; Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 15.45; Dave Bergeron, javelin, 179-2.
SIXTH: Eric Kelly, 400 hurdles, 57.72.
SEVENTH: Mat LeMaire, 100, 11.37; Mat LeMaire, 400 hurdles, 58.74; Chris Flynn, long jump, 19-5 1/2; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 41-5 1/4; Matt Dissell, shot put, 40-11 1/2; Peter King, hammer throw, 131-0; Peter King, javelin, 154-4.
EIGHTH: Rich Vecchione, 5000, 16:56.99.

MASCAC MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westfield State 224.5; Worcester State 129; Fitchburg State 116; Bridgewater State 8.57; Salem State 51.

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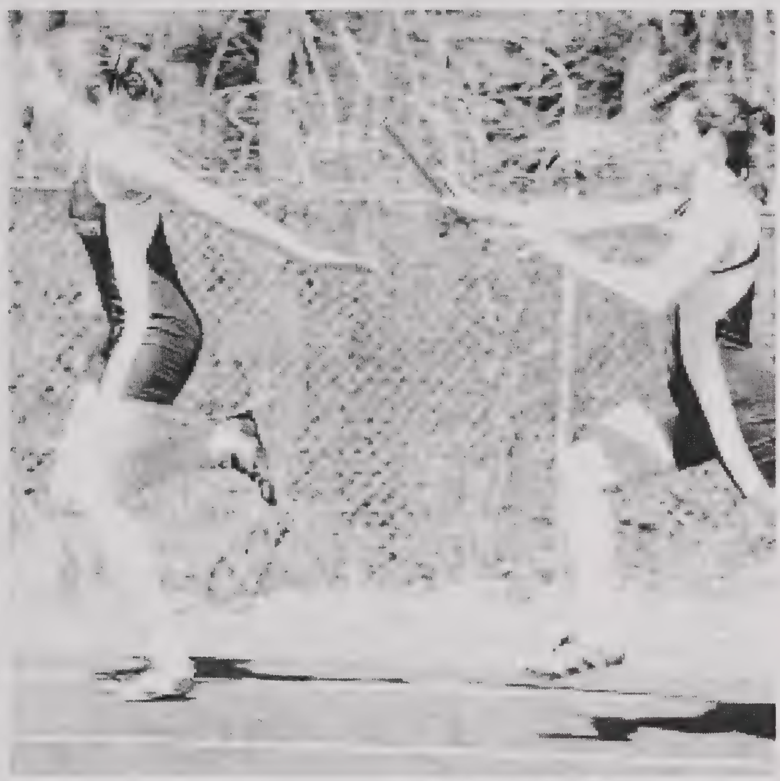

Tessa Donoghue receives the baton from Jess Silva during the Owls' record-setting effort in the 4 x 100 relay at the conference track and field championships. Donoghue had a sensational day as she also won five individual events: long jump, triple jump, high jump, 400 meter run, and 100 hurdles. Pictured at the right are the senior members of the team Aimee Worcester and Jess Silva. *Photos By Mickey Curtis*

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The winning tradition continues for the Westfield State men's track and field team, led by seniors, left to right: Mat LeMaire, Mark Howard, Greg Aucoin, and Chris Hume. Westfield won its eighth straight Mass. State Conference championship and its seventh straight New England Alliance title.

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Owls Top Pride In Baseball

WESTFIELD – Westfield State scored four runs in its final two at bats to rally for an 8-6 victory over Springfield College April 28.

Trailing 6-4, the Owls went ahead with a three-run uprising in the seventh inning.

Hot-hitting freshman shortstop Troy Ferguson led off with a single, advanced to second on a groundout, then scored on a double by senior center fielder Pat Ryan of Adams. Ryan tied the score when he promptly stole third and scored on a throwing error by the catcher. Cleanup batter Pat Jaehnig followed with a double and scored the game-winning run on a single to deep left field by Shaun Geary.

The Owls added an insurance tally in the eighth on an RBI single by Ryan, who was 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI.

Baseball Rallies To Stun MCLA

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WESTFIELD – Westfield State College rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning of game one for a baseball doubleheader split with Massachusetts College on Tuesday, April 27.

The Owls, 14-15 overall and 7-5 in the conference, won the opener 3-2. Massachusetts College, 12-13-1 and 5-7, won the nightcap 10-2.

Westfield would clinch a berth in the conference postseason tournament by winning one of two games vs. Salem State this past Saturday, May 1.

Westfield pulled out a dramatic victory vs. Mass. College in the opener. Trailing 2-0 in the last inning, the Owls tied the score when Troy Ferguson blasted a two-run triple on an 0-2 pitch with one out. Ferguson then scored the game-winning run on a suicide squeeze bunt by Ryan Shimmon.

J.P. Murphy was the winning pitcher in relief of Joe DelSoldato, who pitched into the sixth inning.

In game two, Mass. College jumped out to a big early lead when it scored six runs with two out in the second inning off losing pitcher Chris Visone.

MCLA outhit Westfield, 10-6. Ferguson and Chris Hebert doubled and Shimmon slapped an RBI single.

Westfield Sweeps Framingham

FRAMINGHAM - The Westfield State baseball team continued its fine late-season play with a 3-1, 11-1 doubleheader sweep of Framingham State April 24.

In the opener, Westfield scored a run in the first on an RBI single by sophomore Chris Visone and two in the second on a two-run single by sophomore first baseman Pat Jaehnig.

Framingham scored its only run in the bottom of the fifth off starting pitcher Nate Hall. Junior Jared Seltzer thwarted scoring threats in each of the final three innings to record his third pitching save of the season.

Jaehnig, Visone and Shaun Geary each had two singles in Westfield's nine-hit attack.

In the second game, the Owls led 3-1 when they pulled away with four runs in both the sixth and seventh innings.

Westfield collected 14 hits, all singles. Freshman catcher Chris Hebert was 2 for 4 with three RBI and junior Matt Gurley was 3 for 3 with two RBI. Standout senior center fielder Pat Ryan was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Derek Anghilante continued to throw well as he improved to 4-3 with his second complete-game victory. The junior right hander from Palmer allowed six hits and two walks and whiffed four.

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Hebert's Homers Pace Owls

FITCHBURG – Westfield State came from behind in both games for a doubleheader sweep of Fitchburg State, 10-9, 14-5 in conference baseball action.

The Owls improved to 3-1 in the conference and 7-11 overall. Fitchburg is 2-2 and 13-6.

In the opener, Westfield got a dramatic two-run homer from freshman catcher Chris Hebert in the last inning. The Owls trailed 7-4 after two innings, then took a 8-7 lead with a four-run uprising in the fourth. Fitchburg regained the lead, 9-8, with two runs in the home half of the fourth.

Westfield blasted 15 hits in the seven-inning game, led by Hebert, who also cracked a solo homer, and designated and leadoff hitter Kenny Owens, who was 3 for 5 with a double, stolen base and RBI.

Senior All New England centerfielder Pat Ryan was 2 for 3 with two RBIs and a triple, his school record seventh three bagger this season. Ryan held the previous school standard of six triples he set last year.

Freshman shortstop Troy Ferguson was 3 for 4 and sophomore first baseman Pat Jaehnig pounded two doubles.

J.P. Murphy was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Nate Hall. Murphy hurled four and a third innings, allowing one earned run, six hits and no walks. Jared Seltzer earned the big pitching save. He entered the game in the bottom of the seventh with no outs and runners on first and second. Seltzer retired three consecutive batters, including a fly out to deep right field for the final out.

In the nightcap, the Owls trailed 3-0 after four innings. They scored twice in the fifth on a two-run homer by Owens. Westfield then erupted for nine runs with two outs in the sixth, and tacked on three more runs in the seventh.

Junior third baseman Matt Gurley led the 12-hit attack, going 3 for 4 with two runs scored and three RBI. Owens was 2 for 5 with two runs scored and three RBI, and Ryan was 2 for 4 with a double and RBI. Ferguson capped a fine day by going 2 for 4 with a double and two RBI.

Derek Anghilante went the distance for the pitching victory.

Westfield State 4 – Nichols 3

WESTFIELD – Westfield State College scored four runs in the second inning and held on for a 4-3 victory over Nichols.

Winning pitcher Chris Visone began the second-inning uprising with a leadoff double. He scored on a single by Matt Larrabee. Troy Ferguson reached safely on a throwing error by the pitcher then Chris Hebert reached safely on an error after putting down a sacrifice bunt. Ryan Shimmon's sacrifice fly gave Westfield a 2-0 lead. Shane Higgins rapped an RBI single then Pat Ryan drove in the final run with a sacrifice fly.

The Bison rallied for a run in the ninth, but reliever Jared Seltzer got out of the two-out jam.

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Chris Hebert is congratulated by teammates after slamming a game-winning two-run homer in the last inning on a 10-9 come-from-behind victory over Fitchburg State. The freshman catcher from South Hadley also cracked a solo homer earlier in the game.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Pat Ryan continued his assault on the school record books by slamming his nation-leading 10th triple of the season in a 12-6 romp of WNEC last Tuesday. Heading into the conference postseason tournament, the All New England senior outfielder led the MASCAC with a .453 batting average. Ryan set school records last season with a .468 batting average and six triples. He now has a school record 16 career triples in just two seasons at Westfield.

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Baseball Sweeps Salem To Clinch Playoff Berth

The Westfield State baseball earned a berth in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament with a 2-1, 9-4 doubleheader sweep of Salem State May 1.

The Owls finished the conference regular season with a 9-5 record to earn the fourth and final seed. They played at No. 1 seed Bridgewater State May 6 in the opening round of the double-elimination tournament.

The Owls clinched the playoff spot with a dramatic 2-1, nine-inning victory in the opener. Westfield senior Nate Hall went the distance in pitching an outstanding game (four hits, nine strikeouts, one walk) but Salem scored an unearned first-inning run on two Westfield errors.

Westfield sent the game into extra innings by scoring a run in the sixth on a leadoff triple by Pat Ryan and a single by Pat Jaehnig. It was Ryan's school-record ninth triple of the season.

The Owls scored the winning run in the ninth when reserve first baseman Joe Jachym - a freshman from Westfield - lined a two-out double to left-center field. Jachym then scored on a Shane Higgins' single to the same location.

In Game Two, the Owls scored in every inning in cruising to a 9-4 victory. Ryan delivered the game-winning blow, a two-run homer in the first inning for a 2-1 Westfield lead. The senior center fielder from Adams finished 2-for-4 with three RBI and a double.

Freshman catcher Chris Hebert was 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Junior third baseman Shaun Geary was 2-for-4 with a triple and RBI.

The Owls outhit Salem, 14-2. Derek Anghilante of Palmer improved his pitching record to 5-3, allowing two hits and three walks in six innings.

Westfield 12 - WNEC 6

The Westfield State College baseball team continued its late-season surge by rolling to a 12-6 non-conference victory over Western New England College.

It was the 10th victory in the past 11 games for the Owls, who improved to 19-15.

WNEC – which has already earned an NCAA Tournament berth by capturing the GNAC championship last weekend – has a 29-11 record, one win shy of a school record.

Westfield only outhit WNEC, 13-12, but the Owls blasted eight extra base hits. All 12 of WNEC's hits were singles.

The Owls broke open the game with a five-run uprising in the second inning, led by the potent one-two punch of freshman shortstop Troy Ferguson and senior center fielder Pat Ryan of Adams.

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King, Donoghue Lead Track, Field Teams At New England Finals

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Tessa Donoghue was a frequent visitor to the victory stand as she captured five individual titles (long jump, triple jump, 400, high jump, 100 hurdles) and ran on the record-setting 4 x 100 relay team to lead Westfield to its sixth straight Mass. State Conference championship. Last week the Springfield native and Wheaton College transfer won the New England Division 3 long jump title (18-1) and placed second in the triple jump with a school record leap of 39-4.

The Westfield State men's and women's track and field teams finished 10th and 11th, respectively, in the New England Division 3 championships May 1.

Peter King and Tessa Donoghue were the standouts for the Owls. Donoghue won the long jump (18-1) and placed second in the triple jump, shattering her own school record by more than a foot with an outstanding effort of 39-4. She fell one inch shy of the winning jump of 39-5.

The Springfield native also placed fourth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.39, and was a member of the 4 x 100 relay that finished sixth.

King set placed second in the discus with a school record toss of 150 feet even. The Athol native finished fourth in the shot put with a personal best of 50 feet, one-quarter inch.

Other members of the women's All New England 4 x 100 relay were Jess Silva, CC Costello and Danyelle Dillard. They were clocked in 50.83.

Silva finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a fine effort of 2:16.75. Also earning All New England honors was Jen Howard in the high jump (5-1 3/4).

In the men's meet, sophomore Dave Bergerson placed second in the javelin (184-1) and senior Mat LeMaire was fourth in the decathlon. Sophomore Shawn McCorquodale of Athol was sixth in the long jump (21-8 3/4) and just missed All New England honors with a ninth place in the triple jump.

Williams College won both the men's and women's New England team titles.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 10th place out of 25 teams with 29 points.

SECOND: Peter King, discus, 150-0; Dave Bergeron, javelin, 184-1.
FOURTH: Mat LeMaire, decathlon, 5581 points; Peter King, shot put, 50-0.25.
SIXTH: Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 21-8.75.
NINTH: John Muse, 100, 11.24; Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 42-10.25.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDING: 11th place out of 28 teams with 32 points.

FIRST: Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 18-1
SECOND: Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 39-4
FOURTH: Tessa Donoghue, 200, 26.39; Jess Silva, 800, 2:16.75
SIXTH: 4 x 100 Relay (Silva, Donoghue, Costello, Dillard), 50.83
EIGHTH: Jen Howard, high jump, 5-1.75
TENTH: Danyelle Dillard, 200, 27.15
11th: Heather Wenninger, 5000, 19:25.58
12TH: Danyelle Dillard, 100, 13.24

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Track and field standout Mat LeMaire (above) received a prestigious award at last Wednesday's varsity sports banquet as he was named this year's recipient of the Peter Mazza Athletics Award. This awared is given annually to an outstanding student-athlete who best represents the ideals of Peter Mazza, the former vice-president of student affairs at Westfield State. The ideals include: character, leadership, sportsmanship, athletics ability, academics, personal development, and community service. Other major award winners at the end-of-the-year banquet were: Jess Silva (Westfield State's NCAA Women of the Year); Matt Yvon (WSC Contributions to Athletics Award); Sara Barrows (Female Scholar Athlete of the Year); and Vaso Jaukovic (Male Scholar Athlete of the Year). *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

MASCAC Track Results

MASCAC WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield State 186; Bridgewater State 131; Fitchburg State 114; Salem State 69; Worcester State 62.

FIRST: Danyelle Dillard, 200, 26.18; Tessa Donoghue, 400, 58.40; Jess Silva, 800, 2:23.67; Heather Wenninger, 1500, 5:16.99; Heather Wenninger, 5000, 18:52.85; Caitlin Bates, 10,000, 44:48.43; Tessa Donoghue, 100 hurdles, 16.69; 4 x 100 relay (Silva, Donoghue, Costello, Dillard), 50.65; Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 17-0.50; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 37-6.75; Tessa Donoghue, 5-2.

SECOND: Aimee Worcester, 1500, 5:17.79; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-6.75; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0; CC Costello, javelin, 113-5.

THIRD: Jess Silva, 100, 13.05; Aimee Worcester, 2:39.32; Stephanie Guy, 1500, 5:22.09; 4 x 400 relay, 4:45.91.

FOURTH: Danyelle Dillard, 100, 13.06; CC Costello, 100 hurdles, 17.95; CC Costello, triple jump, 31-11.25.

FIFTH: Stephanie Guy, 800, 2:41.43; Danyelle Dillard, long jump, 15-4.25; Danyelle Dillard, triple jump, 30-9.75.

SIXTH: Erin Coburn, hammer throw, 93-10.

MASCAC MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 224.5; Worcester 129; Fitchburg 116; Bridgewater 8.57; Salem 51.

FIRST: John Muse, 100, 11.23; John Muse, 200, 22.73; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 54.89; 4 x 100 relay (Larcom, Muse, LeMaire, Aucoin), 43.28; 4 x 400 relay (Richardson, LeMaire, Eric Kelly, Hume), 3:25.75; Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 21-4.5; Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 43-3.75; David Richardson, high jump, 6-3.50; Mark Howard, hammer throw, 160-5; Peter King, shot put, 48-8.75; Peter King, discus, 135-11.

SECOND: David Richardson, 400, 52.19; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 15.35; Chris Flynn, long jump, 19-5.5; Kyle Piazza, shot put, 44-10.25.

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FOURTH: Mat LeMaire, 100, 11.37; Mat LeMaire, 400 hurdles, 58.58; Dave Richardson, long jump, 19-4.25; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 41-5.25; Kyle Piazza, hammer, 107-0; Matt Dissell, shot put, 40-11.50; Kyle Piazza, discus, 18-2; Dave Bergeron, javelin, 179-2.

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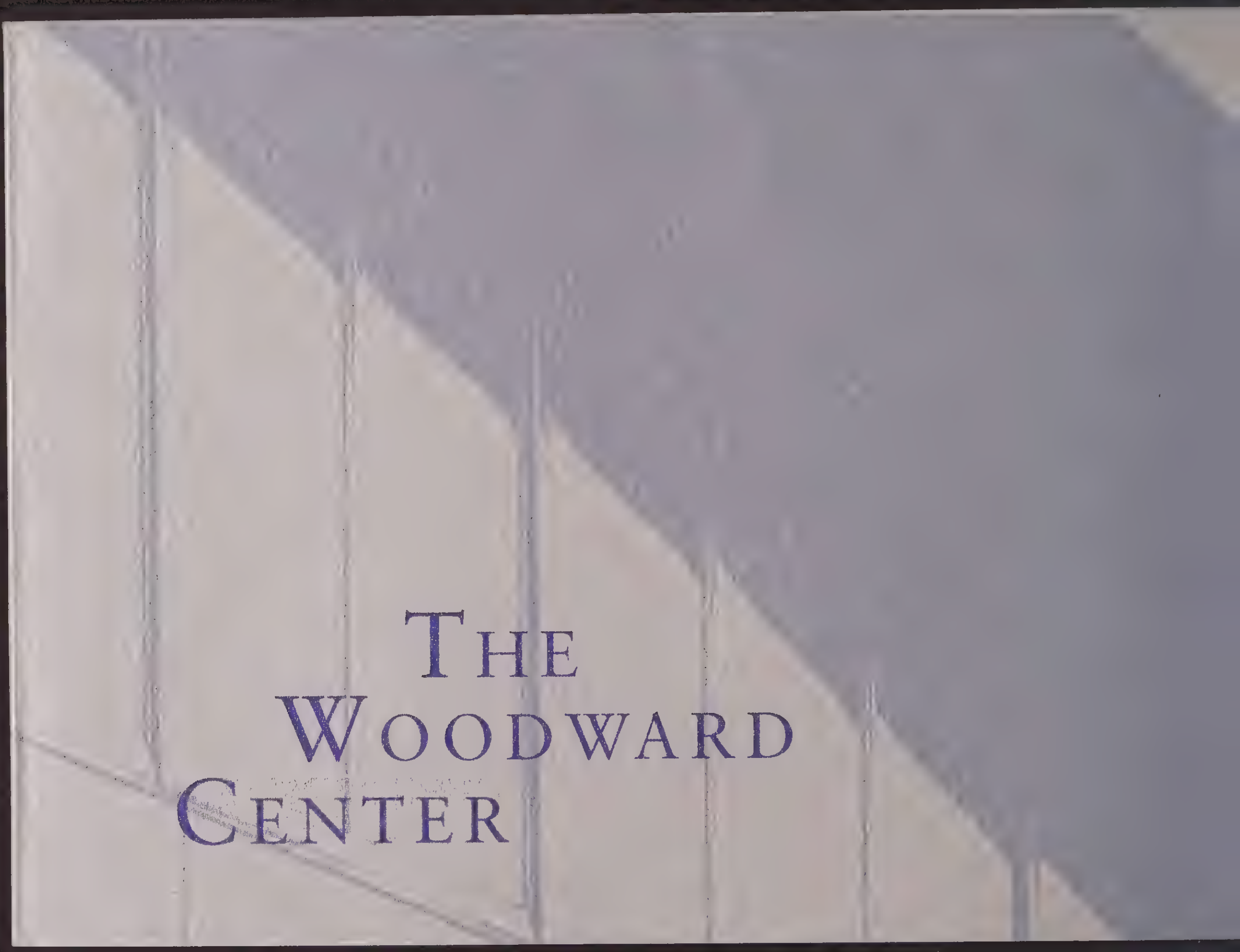

THE WOODWARD CENTER

The Board of Trustees of Westfield State College
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invite you to the

Woodward Center Dedication Ceremony

Celebrating the opening of the college's new state-of-the-art
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Wednesday, September 1, 2004
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Westfield State College
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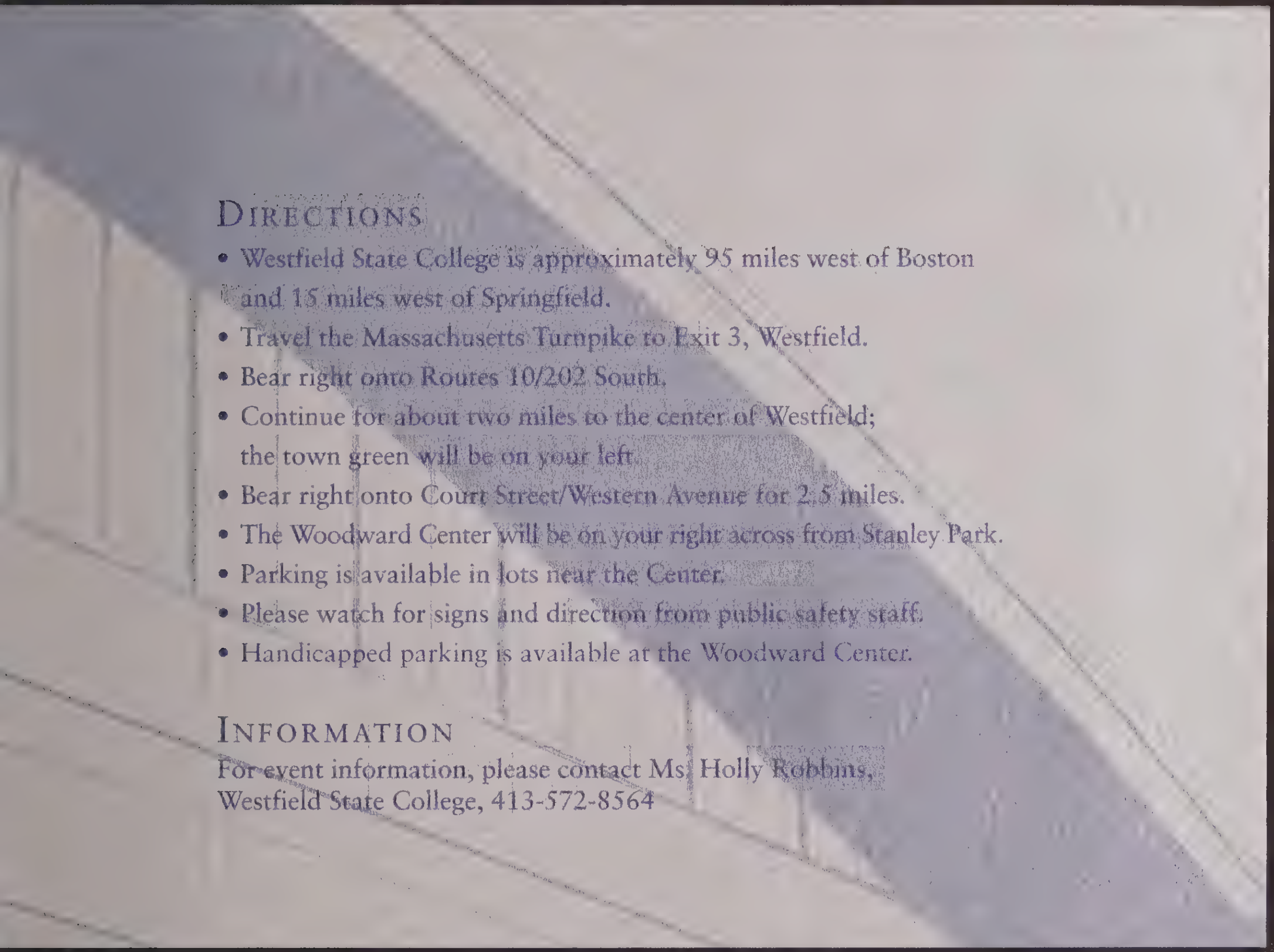
Ribbon-cutting, tours, entertainment, & refreshments.



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- Travel the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 3, Westfield.
- Bear right onto Routes 10/202 South.
- Continue for about two miles to the center of Westfield; the town green will be on your left.
- Bear right onto Court Street/Western Avenue for 2.5 miles.
- The Woodward Center will be on your right across from Stanley Park.
- Parking is available in lots near the Center.
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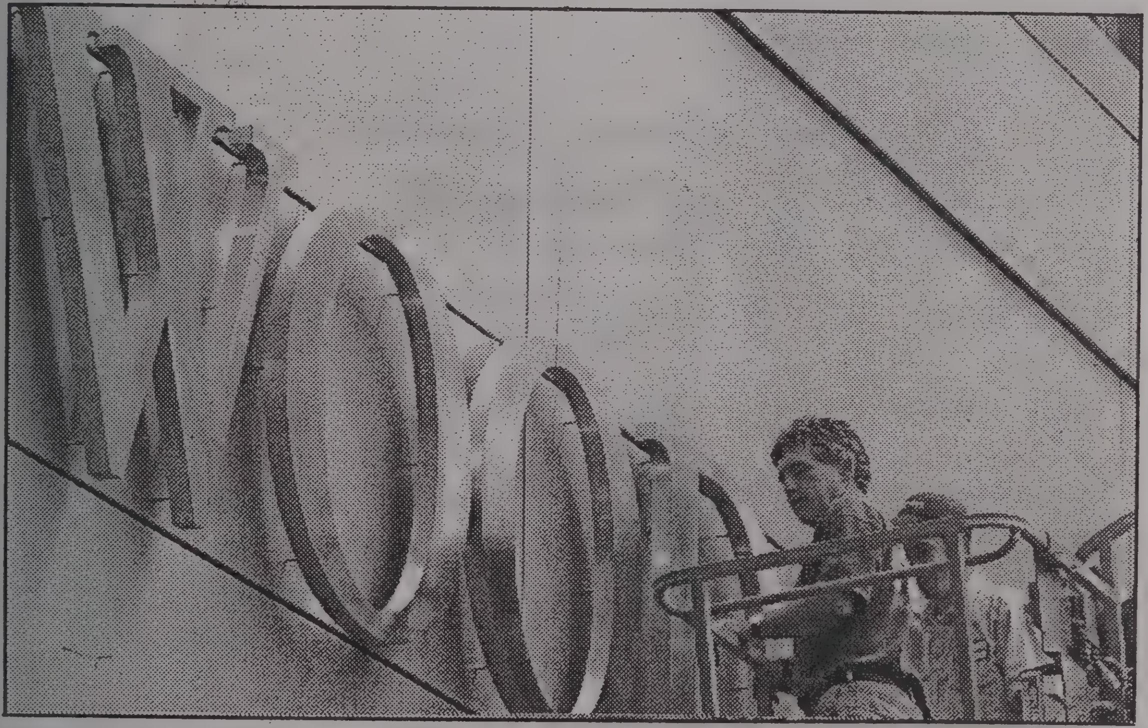

Workers from the Sunshine Sign Company of North Grafton, Mass., apply the large stainless steel lettering for the grand opening of The Woodward Center located on the Westfield State College Campus. The state-of-the-art athletic and academic building will be dedicated today at 4 p.m. (Photo by Frederick Gore)

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Bob and Don Farr

School dedicates athletic facility

By GEORGE GRAHAM
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WESTFIELD – Westfield State College celebrated yesterday the opening of its $18 million Woodward Center, an athletic and academic facility described by its namesake as "second to none in Massachusetts or, for that matter, anywhere."

Former President Frederick W. Woodward, speaking at yesterday's dedication ceremony, said he was extremely pleased with the way the spacious, light-filled facility turned out.

"I am proud of this new facility, and I am proud because students will use this for years and years to come," Woodward said.

Woodward's successor, Vicky L. Carwein, said the center represents a new era of collaboration between the college and the community. "What you see here today is the result of a successful public-private partnership," she said.

Carwein and others praised Woodward's unwavering dedication to the center and the innumerable hours he spent on Beacon Hill lobbying for its fruition.

The 80,000-square-foot center features a 35,000-square-foot field house, large enough to hold an official NCAA track and field meet.

It also boasts three full-length basketball courts, with the main performance court providing seating for 1,100, far surpassing the maximum of 250 spectators at the existing athletic center, which was built in the 1950s.

A number of students who attended yesterday's dedication said the Woodward Center was the reason they decided to attend Westfield State.

"I chose this school because of it," said sophomore Elizabeth Morin, a movement science major from Enfield, Conn. "I am very, very impressed."

Older students were clearly wishful that it could have been there for the bulk of their time at

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Staff photo by **MARLA PINSKY**

Dr. Frederick W. Woodward, retired president of Westfield State College, is hugged by director of athletics Kenneth Mararian yesterday at the dedication ceremony of the Woodward Center at Westfield State College.

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College: Woodward Center dedication

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the college.

"It's pretty good," said senior Mathew J. Stone of Natick, captain of the hockey club. "I wish it was here three years ago."

Attendees included Holyoke natives Donald W. and Robert A. Farr, who played in the former athletic center when it was new in 1956.

"This is quite something now," said Donald Farr, class of 1957.

"I could couldn't have imagined anything like this," said Robert Farr, class of 1955.

Both brothers, now Westfield residents, served as captains of Westfield State's basketball team.

The facility includes a rock climbing area, athletic training and strength and conditioning rooms. The second floor includes a student lounge, aerobics/dance studio, four classrooms as well as exercise physiology, biomechanics and motor learning laboratories.

Also, a multi-media computer lab, conference rooms, a Hall of Fame display area and office space for the college's athletics and movement science departments.

State funding covered $9.5 million of the construction costs, with college funds and a community-wide capital campaign, Access to Excellence, paying for the balance. The campaign, conducted by the Westfield State College Foundation surpassed its fund-raising goal by $70,000, reaching $2.37 million.

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The Republican, Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Morning briefing

LOCAL COLLEGES

Westfield State beats WNEC 4-2

■ **FIELD HOCKEY:** Four first-year players scored goals to lead the **Westfield State College** field hockey team to a 4-2 win over visiting **Western New England** yesterday. Sophomore **Shanna Litterest**, a member of the Westfield State basketball team last season, opened the scoring with 10:12 left in the first half. **Katie Quinlan, Megan Wolski**, and **Carolyn Insigne** also scored for the Owls (1-0). **Allison Jameson** of Greenfield scored a goal for WNEC (1-3) . . . **American International** suffered its third straight one-goal loss with a 2-1 loss to Saint Michael's College at Yellow Jackets Field. Freshman **Nicole Phelps** scored for AIC (0-3).

■ **MEN'S SOCCER:** **Jermain Lindsay** scored three goals, and **Kingsley Aning** and **Andrew Hedlund** had two apiece as visiting **Springfield Technical Community College** rolled to an 8-2 season-opening win over Simon's Rock College.

■ **WOMEN'S SOCCER:** **Emily Johnson** of East Longmeadow scored in the 70th minute to lift **Westfield State** to a 2-1 victory over **Elms** at Chicopee. Sophomore forward **Jen LeDoux** of Easthampton gave Elms (0-2) a 1-0 lead in the 26th minute by netting her first collegiate goal, but junior forward **Nikki Hebert** of South Hadley tied the match for the Owls (1-1) in the 49th minute. . . . **Meghan Murphy** scored two goals, and **Jessica Gibby** added the winner as **Holyoke CC**(1-0) came from behind with a 3-2 victory over Dean at Franklin.

■ **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** **Mandee Signor** had 30 assists for WNEC (3-2) in a 3-2 home victory over **Westfield State** (0-2).

–**Dick Baker**

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Trinity College men's soccer players and Westfield State's Andy Tighe, far left, react in disbelief following a fantastic header save inside the right post by Owl defender Jay Jeffrey with 10 seconds remaining in the game. The Owls posted a big 1-0 victory in Hartford on Sept. 12. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Westfield State senior captain Amy Svatik was named to the all-tournament team at the WNEC volleyball invitational.

Women's Soccer Wins Two

WESTFIELD–Freshman forward Nicolle Culverwell (Ludlow/Monson High School) scored the only goal to lead Westfield State to a 1-0 women's soccer victory over Mount Holyoke on Sept. 11.

Culverwell converted the game-winning goal in the 54th minute after a misplay by the Mt. Holyoke goalie,

Westfield outshot Mt. Holyoke, 7-0.

The Owls, 2-1 overall, won their first game of the season by defeating Elms, 2-1. Scoring were senior Nikki Hebert and Emily Johnson, who curled in a corner kick through a crowd of defenders that proved to be the game-winning goal.

Sophomore midfielder Kate Anderson recorded five assists in the first three games, all victories, for the Westfield State field hockey team.

Cross Country Results

Vassar Invitational at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Men's Cross Country
Second Place (11 teams)
5. Geoff Churchill, 28:41.22
10. Nathan Cristofori, 28:58.85
11. Andy Messer, 28:58.85
14. John Messer, 29:34.25
17. Matt Frederick, 30:00.63

Women's Cross Country
Fourth Place (11 teams)
4. Heather Wenninger, 19:38.77
23. Aimee Worcester, 21:10.64
25. Kim Grant, 21:14.57
30. Alison Wesolowski, 21:34.68
33. Marissa Blume, 21:46.95
45. Caitlin Bates, 22:17.70

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Women's soccer

Westfield State 2, Elms 1 — The Owls (1-1) scored two second-half goals for the win Tuesday in Chicopee.

Sophomore forward **Jen LeDoux** of Easthampton scored her first collegiate goal to give the Blazers (0-2) a 1-0 lead in the first half. She collected a punt by goalkeeper Lauren Stauch at midfield and broke past two defenders on the right side to score. LeDoux had a chance to tie the game when she broke in alone in the 71st minute, but Westfield State goalie Natalia Araskiewicz made the save.

Junior forward **Nikki Hebert** of South Hadley tied the game for the Owls in the 49th minute.

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David Trueira shows his best Heisman pose as he attempts to elude a WNEC defender. The Owls committed four costly turnovers in their 26-21 season-opening loss at WNEC.
Mickey Curtis Photo

September 20, 2004

Westfield State College 2004 football captains, left to right: Jessie Holmes, David Trueira, Matt Wooliver, Don Jones.

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SC upsets Keene State

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By DICK BAKER
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Matt Aucoin scored the winning goal for the second consecutive match to lift Springfield College to a 2-1 upset victory over Keene State yesterday at Brock-Affleck Field.

It's the first time SC has won its first two games of the season since 1989, and the first victory over the Owls (2-1) in six tries.

Springfield senior goalkeeper David Minkoff made seven saves to pick up his first win of the season.

"For us to win a match like this with such a young team is a huge boost," said head coach Peter Haley, who started six freshmen.

Aucoin, who scored the lone goal in Saturday's 1-0 double overtime victory over Westfield State, gave SC a 2-0 lead off a feed from Colin Cook of Wilbraham.

Peter Bianco had opened the scoring for Springfield with a goal in the 32nd minute, but Eric Scott of West Springfield tied it for the Owls in the 66th minute.

Holyoke Community College 0 Manchester 0: Mark Tiffany of Easthampton made 14 saves for the Cougars (0-3-2), who tied for the second straight match.

Bryant 3, AIC 2: Akill Jules scored two goals, but the Yellow Jackets fell at Smithfield, R.I.

It was the first loss for AIC (3-1, 1-1 Northeast-10).

Local colleges

After a scoreless first half, Bryant's Clint Stonacek gave the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead in the 51st minute. Luke Hovey made it 2-0 less than four minutes later with Jules getting AIC on the board in the 66th minute.

Joe Vouris struck right back for Bryant in the 68th minute with Jules closing out the scoring in the 71st minute.

Jules has scored six goals in AIC's four matches.

→ **Babson 4, Westfield State 1:** Justin Calcaso~~la scored~~ the lone goal for the Owls, who fell to 0-2 with the loss at Babson Park.

Calcasola's score cut the deficit to 2-1 in the 40th minute. He broke free deep in the Babson zone and put a shot past freshman goalie Chris Nicklas into the lower right corner.

Western Conn. 1, WNEC 0: Matt Cusack scored in the 72nd minute to break a scoreless tie for Western Connecticut (2-1). WNEC forced Western Connecticut goalkeeper John DeSarro to make eight saves, but fell to 1-2.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Stonehill 4, AIC 0: Sara Hyde made 10 saves in goal, but the Yellow Jackets (0-3, 0-1) lost their Northeast-10 opener at Easton.

FIELD HOCKEY

Springfield 3, Keene State 0: The Pride remained perfect at 3-0 with the home win last night at Benedum Field.

Kim Stevens and Alisha Miner scored in the first half for SC with Amber Paradee tallying in the second half.

Stevens scored on a hard shot off a penalty corner with 25:27 left in the first half. and Miner made it 2-0 on a beautiful deflection off a shot by Paradee with 7:20 to play before intermission.

Paradee scored her second-half goal from a scramble in front.

It was the second consecutive shutout for SC goalkeeper Lindsey Pardue, who made seven saves.

Springfield, which has outscored the opposition 12-1 in its first three games under new head coach Melissa Rogers of Southwick, is at Plymouth State Saturday before traveling to Middlebury next Tuesday. The Pride returns home next Thursday against Connecticut College (4 p.m.).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UMass-Lowell 3, AIC 0: Julie Handy registered 21 kills and six digs as UMass-Lowell defeated the Yellow Jackets in a Northeast-10 Conference match at Lowell.

Sophomore outside hitter Krystle Neves led the Yellow Jackets with 10 kills while senior setter Kristy McIntyre had a team-high nine digs.

UMass Lowell won by scores of 30-20, 30-21, and 32-30.

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Owls Seek Fourth Straight Title

Sept. 2004

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"We defend the run the well and we have some smart players who can defend the pass," said Marino.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

The Owls have a nice dilemma as Puchalski was one of the top punters in the NEFC last season, while Meczywor punted at Maine. Handling the placekicking chores is freshman Garrett Davis of Belchertown. Trueira, Abair and Stern are slated to return kicks and punts.

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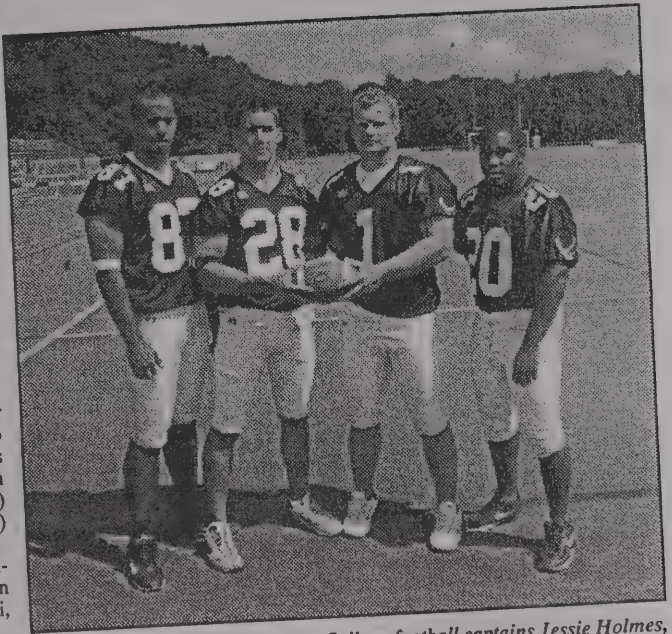

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"We defend the run well and we have some smart players who can defend the pass," said Marino.

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The Owls have a nice dilemma as Puchalski was one of the top punters in the NEFC last season, while Meczywor punted at Maine. Handling the placekicking chores is freshman Garrett Davis of Belchertown. Trueira, Abair and Stern are slated to return kicks and punts.

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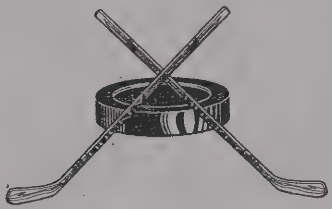
Westfield State gets new Hockey Coach

WESTFIELD – H. Edgar Alejandro, veteran hockey coach at Cathedral High School in Springfield, has accepted the position of head coach for the Westfield State College Ice Hockey Club. Alejandro takes on his duties as head coach immediately.



Alejandro is a well-known area coach who has led the Cathedral team for 14 years. He also coached the Springfield Junior Pics for six years. He was both a player and coach at American International College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in education.

He is also manager of economic and community development for the Western Massachusetts Electric Company. He formerly served as vice president for allocations and community development for the Community United Way of the Pioneer Valley, and was director of planning for the Regional Employment Board of Hampton County.

"Edgar's coaching experience will be a great addition to the Westfield State College ice hockey program," Arthur Jackson, vice president for student affairs, said. "His knowledge of Massachusetts hockey combined with his recruiting connections and passion for the game will no doubt make him a great asset to the college."

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Owls Handle Nichols, 22-7

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The Owls scored the only second-half points on a 20-yard field goal by Garrett Davis and a 15-yard touchdown jaunt by Puchalski.

The Westfield defense played well for the second straight week, limiting Nichols to nine first downs and 151 total offensive yards, and registering five sacks and three second-half interceptions.

Junior defensive lineman Adam Lapon (Randolph) led the balanced attack with six tackles, including four sacks totaling 24 yards in losses.

Westfield State College president Vicky Carwein visits with members of the volleyball team during a cookout that was held for the student-athletes on Sept. 20 at Stanley Park. More than 250 student-athletes attended the community building event, which was funded by a grant from the NCAA. *Photo by Mickey Curtis*

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Westfield State rally falls short in season opener

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Sophomore quarterback Jon Tallerico (Port Chester, NY) made a successful debut in his first collegiate start completing 10-of-21 passes for 109 yards and two touchdowns to lead Western New England College to a 26-21 victory over visiting Westfield State College in the season opener for both teams Saturday.

The Golden Bears avenged a 26-3 loss to the Owls last year and won the President's Trophy for the first time since 2000. Westfield State now owns a 9-7 lead in the series tha started in 1982.

WNEC took advantage of two turnovers to take a 14-0 lead in the first quarter when Tallerico (a transfer from W. Conn. St. Univ.) tossed touchdowns passes of two yards to senior wide receiver Stephen Johnson (North Easton, MA) at the 11:53 mark and freshman wide receiver Ben Sabbs (South Hadley, MA) with 4:21 left in the period.

Westfield State made it 14-7 when senior running back Don Jones (Springfield, MA) ran three yards for the first of his three touchdowns with 1:10 remaining in the quarter.

WNEC took a 23-7 lead in the second quarter scoring two points on a safety and a two-yard run at the 10:58 mark by senior running back Mike Laroche (Berlin, CT) following another Owls turnover.

Jones scored on a two-yard run with 5:57 remaining in the half to cap a nine-play, 79-yard drive before senior Loren Estabook (Sharon, NH) drilled a 29-yard field goal with 39 seconds left to give the Golden Bears a 26-14 lead at intermission.

After a scoreless third quarter, Jones (29 carries, 99 yards) scored on another two-yard run to pull Westfield State within 26-21 with 12:30 left in the contest.

Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor (Lanesboro, MA) led a late Westfield State comeback moving the Owls from their own 30 to the WNEC 13, but his fourth down pass attempt on fourth-and-six from the 15 was incomplete with 1:51 left in the game. A transfer from Division 1-AA Maine, Meczywor was 16-for 36 for 169 yards and one interception in his Westfield State debut. He also ran for 58 yards on eight carries to cap a 227-yard afternoon.

In other weekend sports, Ashley Brogan scored the game's only goal to lead the WSC field hockey team to a 1-0 victory to improve to 3-0 overall...Dave Nalewanski scored the game-winner in a 1-0 win for the Owls men's soccer team.

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The first varsity game in the Woodward Center took place on Sept. 16, 2004, when Westfield State defeated Lasell College in a volleyball match, 3-2. *Photo by Mickey Curtis*

A pre-game ceremony was held to commemorate the first varsity game in the field house of Westfield State College's Woodward Center on Thursday, Sept. 16, when the Owls hosted Lasell College in a volleyball match. From left to right, are: Nestor, the Owl mascot, Westfield State senior captain Amy Svatik, Dr. Arthur Jackson, WSC vice-president of student-affairs, and Lasell College co-captains Wendy Riddle and Angele Lavoie. The 80,000 square foot academic/athletic building was officially dedicated on Sept. 1, 2004. *Photo by David Harris-Fried*

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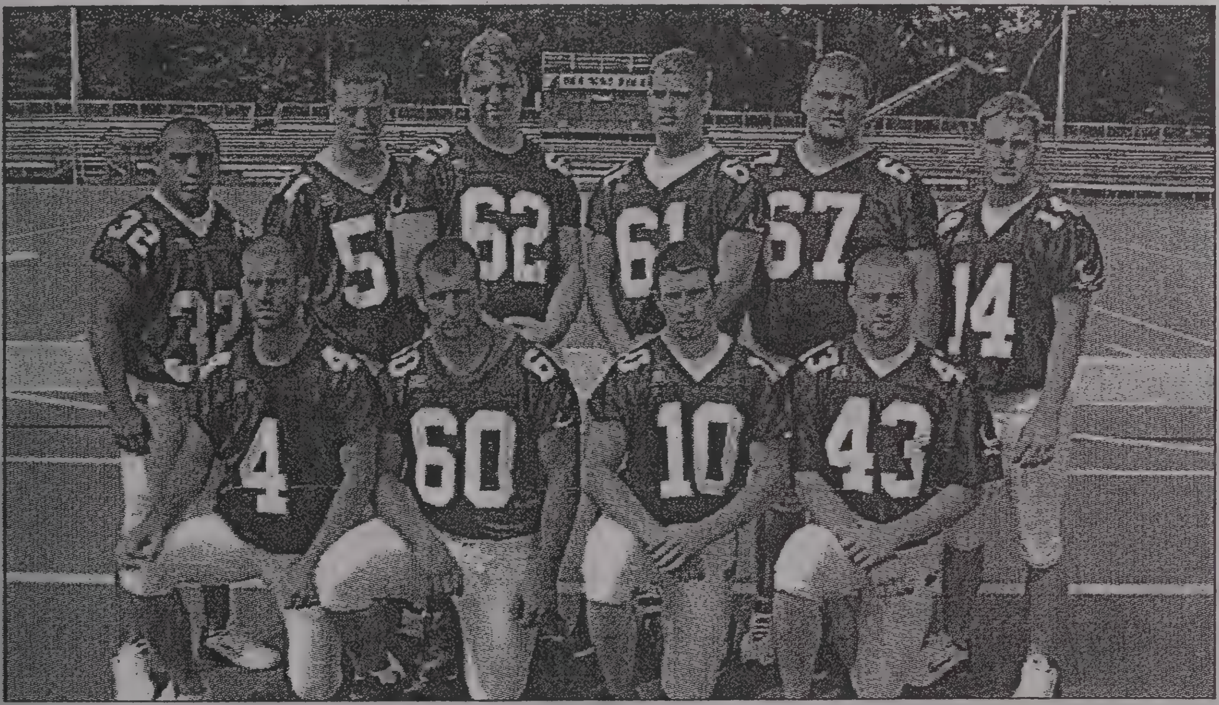
WSC team includes Chicopee men



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Ten members of Westfield State College's 2004 football team are from the Chicopee, Holyoke, and South Hadley areas including (front left) senior Tim Tontonz (Chicopee), sophomore Matt Pawlishen (South Hadley), sophomore Tyler Charette (Holyoke), freshman Chet Kubetin (Chicopee) (back left) Brian Roach (South Hadley), Tony DeRoy (Holyoke), Josh Saunders (South Hadley), David Monfett (Holyoke), Chuck Monfett (Holyoke) and Billy Stewart (Chicopee).

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Field Hockey Falls To Trinity

HARTFORD – Senior forward Jessica Baker scored three goals to lead the Trinity College to a 6-3 victory over the visiting and previously-undefeated Westfield State on Sept. 21.

Westfield tied the score at 2-2 on goals by Shanna Litterst and Carolyn Insigne. But the Bantams took control of the game in the second half with three unanswered goals, including two by Baker .

Sophomore Kate Anderson (Georgetown) had a goal and an assist for Westfield. She now has seven assists in five games.

"Trinity was a very fast team," said WSC coach Heather Cabral.

Westfield State junior outside hitter Lindsay Dalene was named Mass. State Conference Player of the Week. *Photo by David Harris-Fried*

Campbell, Dalene Players of Week

Westfield State men's soccer player Billy Campbell and women's volleyball player Lindsay Dalene were named Mass. State Conference Players of the Week on Sept. 20.

Campbell, a sophomore from Stoneham, scored the game-winning goal in a 3-0 victory over Western Connecticut State. Dalene, a junior from East Hartland, Conn., had a big week as the Owls won a pair of matches, including their MASCAC opener with Salem State. She had 17 kills and 11 blocks vs. Lasell and 11 kills and seven blocks in a 3-1 victory at Salem State.

Three other Westfield State athletes were named to weekly honor rolls. Junior midfielder **Kate Anderson** (Georgetown) scored the game-winning goal in an overtime victory at Becker for the 4-0 field hockey team. Anderson also registered an assist to give her six assists in the first four games.

Junior fullback/punter **Mark Puchalski** (South Deerfield) and junior defensive lineman **Adam Lapon** (Randolph) were named to the New England Football Conference honor roll following the Owls' 22-7 victory over Nichols.

Puchalski rushed for 49 yards on nine carries, including a 15-yard touchdown jaunt, and boomed nine punts for a 45.6 average, including two of 65 and 61 yards.

Lapon recorded a team-high six tackles, including four quarterback sacks.

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- WESTFIELD EVENING NEWS, Monday, September 20, 2004

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Nestor weathers beating by Worcester State football players

file photo

Nestor the Owl is back on it's feet and rooting for WSC sports teams after the incident that took place Saturday October 2 in the Woodward Center.

By Matthew Bernat
Editor In Chief

Westfield State College's official mascot Nestor the Owl was allegedly assaulted by three Worcester State College football players in the Woodward Center during halftime of the Worcester State Westfield State football game on October 2.

The score was 14-3 at halftime with Westfield State in the lead when Nestor headed to the usual changing room in the Woodward Center said Ken Magarian Athletics Director at WSC.

"From what I understand one guy elbowed Nestor in the gut, one comes and punches her in the head, it wasn't a roundhouse but it hit right here in the forehead," said Magarian.

A female Westfield State College student wears the Nestor mascot outfit.

According to Magarian when Nestor first walked into the lobby the room was filled with Worcester State College football players. "Nestor goes out of the lobby and waits until they leave, she thought they had all left," said Magarian.

Witnesses said at this point some of the players were yelling obscenities at Nestor and told her to, "get the hell out of here."

Magarian said Nestor headed to her changing room after she thought all of the players had gone back to the field. It was at this time when the three players "narrowed the hallway".

"Little did they know we had a student security officer posted there," said Magarian. Student security John Meincke reported the incident to Magarian after it happened.

"She wasn't going to say anything," said Magarian who caught up with Nestor as she was leaving with her parents after the game was over.

"I made her tell me what happened. I got the number of the kid who did it, the number of the kid who apologized," said Magarian.

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One Worcester State player had come up to Nestor and apologized immediately following the alleged assault said Magarian.

Magarian said he spoke to the Worcester State head coach after the game. "He was just appalled," said Magarian who expects disciplinary action. "I'm going to call my counterpart at the Worcester State College Department of Athletics and send her a copy of the police report," said Magarian.

Lt. Foyle of the Westfield State police department was notified of the event. The assault and battery charges were recorded but Nestor is not pressing charges at this time.

When reached for comment a Worcester State college assistant football coach denied the incident had happened at all, "Get your story straight," the coach said.

Magarian said he heard rumors that one of the three who had assaulted Nestor was the starting quarterback and would be suspended for an unknown number of games.

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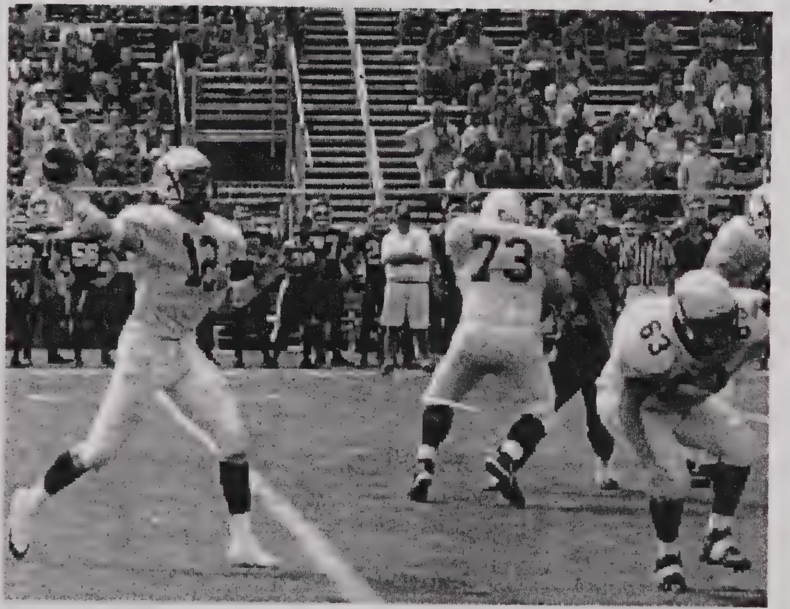

Westfield State senior quarterback Jon Meczywor was leading the New England Football Conference in passing before an injury in the Mass Maritime game sidelined him indefinitely. *Photo by Mickey Curtis*

Owls Sink Mass Maritime, 38-7

WESTFIELD – Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor (Lanesoboro, Mass.) completed 16 of 28 passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns as Westfield State cruised to a 38-7 New England Football Conference victory over Mass. Maritime Academy on Oct. 9.

Westfield improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the NEFC Bogan Division. Mass. Maritime is 1-4 and 1-2.

Meczywor played approximately two and a half quarters as the Owls jumped to a 28-0 hafltime lead. The 6-5, 225-pound quarterback threw touchdown passes of 10 yards to senior Tim Tontonoz (Chicopee) and seven yards to senior David Trueira (Wilmington).

Trueira and junior B.J. Holleran (Quincy) are ranked 1-2 in the NEFC in pass receptions and they had big games once again. Trueira caught eight passes for 116 yards and Holleran had seven catches for 1100 yards.

The Owls scored on their first possession, a nine-play, 80-yard drive capped by senior Don Jones' (Springfield) three-yard touchdown run. Freshman reserve running back Dan Stern (Mt. Vernon, ME) scored on a nice 34-yard run with 5:11 left in the first half. The Owls took a 31-0 lead late in the third quarter on a 32-yard field goal by freshman kicker Garrett Davis (Belchertown). Third-string freshman quarterback Brett LeClerc (Raynham) completed Westfield's scoring with a 21-yard touchdown scamper early in the fourth quarter. Mass Maritime's only score came on a 51-yard interception return for a touchdown by senior linebacker Rich Bartucca (Walpole) late in the third quarter.

The Owls, who lead the NEFC in total defense, limited Mass. Maritime to eight first downs and 107 yards in total offense. Westfield intercepted five passes, including two each by junior Jay Abair (Ludlow) and junior Craig Skribiski (Whately). Also intercepting a pass was sophomore Tyler Charette.

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WESTFIELD EVENING NEWS, Thursday, September 23, 2004

Westfield grad plays well in Owls' 0-0 tie

WESTFIELD — The Owls of Westfield State and the Owls of Keene State battled to a scoreless tie in men's soccer action on Wednesday.

Keene, 4-1-1, is ranked fourth in New England and 21st nationally in NCAA Division 3. Westfield is 2-2-1.

Westfield's best scoring opportunity came with 10 seconds left in the first overtime on a mini-breakaway shot by junior Ray Cheria (Ludlow). Keene keeper Brandon Beck came out to make a nice diving save.

Playing well offensively for Westfield was Westfield High School graduate Matt Prest.

Westfiield hosts Newbury College on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 1:00.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Rhode Island College 2, WSC 1

PROVIDENCE – Freshman Gina Calenda came off the bench to score two first-half goals to lead Rhode Island College to a 2-1 victory over the Westfield State women's soccer team Sept. 22.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

WSC 3, Anna Maria 0

PAXTON – Lindsay Dalene had 11 kills and four aces and Krista Griifoni registered 20 assists and three digs as Westfield State won its fourth straight.

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Big Hit At The Big E

The Westfield State College competition cheering squad did not let the wet weather dampen its spirits during Westfield Day held at the Big E on Sept. 30. The cheering squad performs annually at the Big E and is always a big hit with fairgoers. *Photo by Mickey Curtis*

Cross Country Teams Sixth In Earley Invite

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both placed sixth in the ninth annual James Earley Invitational held Oct. 9 at Stanley Park.

In the 25-team men's meet, Westfield finished behind first-place Coast Guard, Bowdoin, Vassar, WPI, and Roger Williams.

Senior Geoff Churchill was Westfield's top finisher, placing 13th with a time of 27:21.6 over the five-mile layout. Freshman Andy Messer, a Westfield High graduate, placed 31st in 28:13.9. Senior Matt Frederick was 45th (28:54) and freshman John Messer, also a Westfield High graduate, was 46th (28:55).

Andrew Coombs of Bowdoin had the winning time of 26:00.80.

In the women's meet, Westfield finished behind first-place Bowdoin, Coast Guard, NYU, Vassar, and Salve Regina.

Westfield junior Heather Wenninger of Chicopee finished sixth in 19:44.7. The individual winner was Bowdoin's Audra Caler in 19:10.4.

Other top finishers for Westfield were: Alison Wesolowski (32nd, 20:46), Kim Grant (42nd, 21:06.7), and Marissa Blume (56th, 21:22.1).

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Falcons outplay Owls

Westfield

By Adam Hughes
CORRESPONDENT

FITCHBURG — In a penalty-filled football game, Fitchburg State overcame some costly mistakes to defeat visiting Westfield State, 22-15, in the Falcons' home opener yesterday.

Fitchburg wore down the Owls with an intense running game that netted 238 yards. Senior running back Brian Milleisen had 33 carries for a career-high 183 yards. Sophomore tailback Nafie Pollard added eight rushes for 62 yards and two touchdowns, one on a tough 31-yard scamper.

Fitchburg St. 22
Westfield St. 15

Next game: Fitchburg State at Bridgewater State, 1 p.m. Saturday

The Falcons (2-2) were penalized 11 times for 120 yards, while Westfield (1-2) was pushed back 103 yards on 10 penalties. The victory ended Westfield's streak of 18 consecutive New England Football Conference Bogan Division wins, dating back to 2000. It was the division opener for both teams.

"The last two years we've played them, it's been real tight," Fitchburg State coach Pat Haverty said. "All respect for Westfield and their coaching staff. They are the cream of the crop.

"This is a great program win," he added. "We'll be happy about this game for about a day, and then we'll get back to work. They deserved that streak, they worked hard for it, and I'm proud that our guys played with enough heart to get the job done out there."

The Falcons trailed, 15-9, with 1:40 remaining in the third quarter at their 13-yard line when they turned to Milleisen to drive them down the field. Milleisen carried five times for 27 yards on the march, setting up Corey Heatherman's 27-yard pass to wideout Justin Sleeper to put the Falcons inside the Westfield 5-yard line.

"That was a big play. We knew Justin and Corey could come up with a big play for us," Haverty said. "The key was Brian Milleisen running so well, it opened up the passing game. We took a chance, but it worked out our way. Brian is one of those kids that when the game's tight, we want the ball in his hands, and he delivers, plain and simple."

Two plays later, and Pollard was in the end zone on a 1-yard run up the middle to put the Falcons ahead, 16-15, with 11:06 left in the game. Kicker Treavor Smith missed the extra point.

"I tell you what, our offensive line is just pushing people around up there," Milleisen said. "The last two weeks, there has been a ton of running room. Once I get into the secondary, it's a lot easier for me to see holes.

"All my credit goes to the big guys up front," the senior added. "The pass to Sleeper really turned the momentum to our favor, and it's because our running game is able to create those opportunities to make a big play when it matters."

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Fall Sports Roundup

Field Hockey
So. Maine 2 – Westfield 0

GORHAM, Maine — The University of Southern Maine Huskies scored a pair of second half goals en route to a 2-0 upset victory over the Westfield State College Owls in a Little East Conference game at Hodgdon Field.

The win was the second of the season for the Huskies and their first in conference play. USM is now 2-12 overall and 1-5 in the Little East. Westfield State, which came into the game riding a four-game winning streak, slipped to 8-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

After the scoreless first half, the Huskies got on the scoreboard four minutes into the second half by converting on a penalty corner. Sophomore Justene Larnerd (Cherry Hills, N.J./Kimball Union Academy) scored her second goal of the season when she her shot from the left side eluded Westfield State senior goalie Kendra Newell (Groveland, Mass.).

The Huskies came close to doubling their lead 10 minutes later, but a fine defensive save effort by WSC senior back Sadie Driscoll (Brewster, Mass./Nauset Regional HS) kept the ball out of the net.

Sophomore Denise Minigell (Auburn, Maine/Edward Little HS) finally gave USM some breathing room with 18:07 to play as she tipped home a hard drive taken from the top of the circle by junior Sarah Metivier (Old Town, Maine/Old Town HS). The goal was the second of the season for Minigell.

Men's Soccer
Westfield 1 – Bridgewater 1

WESTFIELD–Westfield State and Bridgewater State played to a 1-1 tie in Mass. State Conference men's soccer action Oct. 11.

Both teams have identical overall (5-4-2) and conference (1-1-1) records.

The Nalewanski brothers of Easthampton teamed up to give Westfield a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute. Sophomore Dave – the Owls' leading goal scorer – took a pass from his younger brother Drew and deposited a shot into the left corner.

Bridgewater tied the score on a well executed goal in the 69th minute. Junior forward Mike Quinn (Weymouth) crossed a pass from the far left endline that senior Topher Paone (South Easton) headed into the net inside the right post.

Women's Soccer
Westfield 1 - Bridgewater 1

BRIDGEWATER - Senior defender Jenn Hendry (Framingham, MA) scored the game-tying goal with just over seven minutes remaining in regulation to help Westfield State College earn a tie with the host Bears of Bridgewater State in MASCAC women's soccer action Oct. 11

With the tie, the Bears are now 4-3-2 on the season and 1-1-1 in the MASCAC. Westfield is 4-6-1 overall and 0-2-1 in conference play.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Bridgewater took the early 1-0 lead as freshman defender Nicole Sidor (Whitman, MA) potted her first career goal on a direct kick from about 25 yards out.

The Bears clung to the one goal lead until Hendry provided the heroics for the Owls as she also converted on a direct kick with the wind at her back to send the game into overtime. Both teams had glorious chances in the overtimes but could not come up with the golden goal.

Volleyball
Amherst 3 - Westfield State 0

WESTFIELD - Westfield State lost to a strong Amherst squad on Oct. 12. The game scores were 30-15, 30-8, 30-18.

Amy Svatik had 14 digs and Krista Grifoni recorded 11 assists. Morgan Hosking contributed five kills, 11 digs and one block, and Kate Spriegel had four blocks and three kills.

Grifoni Named Player of Week

Krista Grifoni

Westfield State College freshman setter Krista Grifoni of Peabody was named the Mass. State Conference volleyball Player of the Week for Oct. 11, 2004.

Grifoni posted impressive statistics in a 3-1 victory over conference foe Mass Maritime Academy. She helped the Owls climb to 3-0 in the conference by registering 42 assists, 15 digs, 4 aces, and a kill. Grifoni also amassed 12 assists, eight digs, and a kill in a 3-0 victory over Bay Path.

Four other Westfield State athletes were named to weekly honor rolls.

Sophomore forward **Kate McMillan** of Belchertown recorded three goals in women's soccer victories over Anna Maria and Albertus Magnus. Sophomore midfielder **Kate Anderson** of Georgetown had a goal and an assist in the field hockey team's big 2-0 victory at Worcester State.

Selected to the New England Football Conference honor roll were senior wide receiver **David Trueira** (Wilmington) and junior defensive back **Craig Skribiski** (Whatley/Frontier Regional High School).

Trueira – who leads the 14-team conference in receiving – had eight catches for 116 yards and a touchdown in a 38-7 victory over Mass. Maritime. Skribiski had five solo tackles, a pass breakup and two interceptions.

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Judges work 2OT to remain perfect

Gregor scores game-winner on rebound in 107th minute

WESTFIELD

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With a recently acquired national ranking and an unbeaten record on its resume thus far, the Brandeis University women's soccer team had to work long and hard to preserve them last night at Westfield State.

At the 107:51 mark in double overtime, Judges senior Lauren Gregor at last broke a scoreless deadlock, capitalizing on a defensive miscue and converting the rebound of Jessica Druckman's shot for a 1-0 win that improves Brandeis to 8-0.

The game was just over two minutes from ending in a 0-0 draw when Druckman's shot was mishandled by Westfield goalkeeper Natalia Araszkiewicz on the slick artificial turf. Gregor gathered in the loose ball and easily stroked it into the net.

Brandeis outshot Westfield (2-4), 20-8, as Judges junior keeper Natasha Pieciak made four saves.

Coach Denise Dallamora's squad entered the game ranked fourth among New England Division III schools and 23th nationally.

Koffman earns UAA honor

Brandeis junior midfielder Rachel Koffman has been named University Athletic Association (UAA) women's soccer offensive player of the week for Sept. 27. This marks the third week in a row that Brandeis women's soccer has produced a UAA honoree.

Koffman scored her first two goals of the season last week, making both of them count. At Wellesley College on Sept. 21, Koffman scored the only goal of the contest five minutes into the first overtime period. Koffman added another goal against Lasell College on Sept. 26, helping the Judges to a 4-0 win. For her career, Koffman now has seven goals and two assists for 16 points.

Women's Volleyball

Brandeis 3, Emmanuel 0

For the first time this season, the Brandeis women's volleyball team is over the .500 plateau, thanks to a 3-0 win over visiting Emmanuel College in Auerbach Arena.

Brandeis (6-5) won the opening game by opening up a 19-9 lead and never looking back, winning the game, 30-17. In game two, the Judges trailed Emmanuel, 9-4, when head coach Michelle Kim called a timeout. Brandeis won 13 of the next 17 points to take a 17-12 lead and went on to the 30-22 triumph. The Judges closed out the Saints (10-2) in the third game, 30-19.

Brandeis was paced by senior Jen Lobban, who had 13 kills. Junior Jenna Polinsky added 11 kills and six digs, while rookie Jenny Sandler led the team with eight digs. Senior setter Shannon Eagan dished 37 assists. Both Eagan and Sandler had three service aces apiece to lead the squad.

Brandeis is next in action this weekend at the first University Athletic Association round robin at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Field Hockey

Bentley's Walker gets NE-10 nod

Bentley College senior midfielder Jenn Walker has been named the Northeast-10 Conference Field Hockey Player of the Week after helping the Falcons to conference wins over Saint Anselm College and St. Michael's College.

Walker's biggest contribution of the week was netting the game-winner with just over a minute left in the first extra session to give the Falcons a 3-2 overtime win at St. Michael's on Saturday. It was the seventh career game-winner for Walker. Earlier in the week, Walker had a goal and an assist in the Falcons' 10-0 rout of Saint Anselm.

Also recognized for her contributions last week was the conference's leading scorer sophomore Mary Rogers of Watertown. She was named to the NE-10 Weekly Honor Roll after recording two goals and three assists during the week, with the seven points boosting her season total to 30.

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Westfield State College field hockey standout Shanna Litterst was named the Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for Oct. 17. The sophomore forward from Falmouth compiled three goals and four assists in three games last week. She had two goals and three assists in a 6-1 victory over Salem State. Litterst tallied a goal and an assist in a tough 3-2 road loss at Framingham State.Litterst, who played basketball her freshman year at Westfield, leads the Owls in scoring with nine goals and four assists. Westfield has a 9-3 overall record and is tied for second place in the Little East Conference with a 5-2 mark. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

The Westfield State College men's and women's basketball teams officially began preseason practice Oct. 15 in preparation for the 2004-2005 season. Pictured above is head coach Steve Marcil leading his team through some low post drills. The first basketball game in the Woodward Center is scheduled for Nov. 30 when the men's team hosts Williams College at 7:30. Williams was the NCAA Division III national champion in 2003 and the national runner-up in 2004. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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Bump, set, spike

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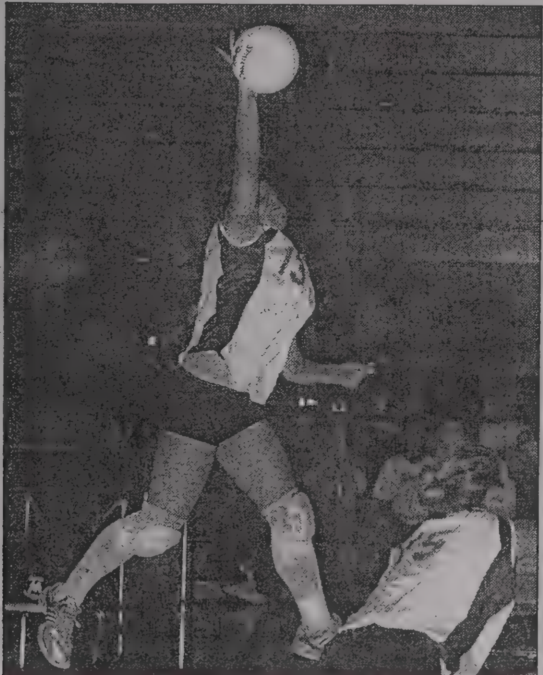
Above: Massachusetts College freshman Hope Pelcher returns a Westfield State shot last night at the Amsler Campus Center. Below: Geneva Smith slams home a spike as Pelcher looks on.



MCLA netters cannot hold lead, fall 3-1 to Westfield

Staff reports

NORTH ADAMS — Things were looking up for coach Ed Paquette and the Massachusetts College volleyball team early in Tuesday night's match against Wesfield State. The Trailblazers were up one game to none after a solid 30-21 win, and were in good position to finish off the Owls.

Now, MCLA will be looking for ways to keep that sort of effort up consistently.

The Trailblazers couldn't hold the lead, eventually falling to Westfield, 3-1 (30-21, 24-30, 25-30, 17-30) in a game at Amsler Campus Center.

"We have a young team, and they played together a lot more than they have in the past," Paquette said. "It's taken off a bit now, and I think we're going to keep on improving."

Defensive specialist Danielle Smith turned in another solid performance for the 'Blazers (2-7), registering 12 kills and a sizable 21 digs.

Freshman Hope Pelcher was also outstanding, notching 12 kills and adding four service aces and four blocks.

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2004 WESTFIELD STATE FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS: First row, left to right: Gisel Cahoon, Michelle Ranieri, Stacy Poutas, Amelia Ahlen, Megan Dickinson, Lisa Florio, Kaitlyn Mack.
Second row: Kim Kordana, Jackie Healy, Maryland Spicer, Joanne Mederios, Sarah Hartley, Amie Sullivan, Kristy Laflamme, Becky Cook.
Third row: Laura Sadowski, Katelyn Merz, Danielle Taleas, Kandy Lane, Kim Gavin.

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Owls Fall To Bridgewater

The Bridgewater State College football team forced five second-half turnovers, turning them into 21 points, as the Bears shut out Westfield State College, 27–0, at BSC's Swenson field.

With the win BSC improves to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the NEFC Bogan division. Westfield falls to 3-3 on the season and 2-2 in divisional play.

The game was truly a defensive showdown as the teams played to a 3-0 score at the half.

In the second half, Bridgewater kept up the defensive intensity as they forced an interception on the Owls' first possession of the third quarter. Sophomore defensive back Zane Fyfe (Rehoboth) picked off the errant pass at the Bridgewater 41 yard line and returned it 50 yards to the Westfield nine. Two plays later, junior halfback Brenden Kavey (Pittsfield) found the end zone from six yards out to give BSC the 10-0 lead.

After freshman kicker Mike Garrity (Topsfield) knocked home his second 27-yard field goal attempt of the day in the fourth quarter, Bridgewater again capitalized on yet another Westfield turnover. Sophomore defensive end Mike Sirignano (Hanover) forced a fumble on a sack and junior linebacker Doug Borsari (Kingston) returned the fumble all the way down to the Westfield nine. Two plays later, junior quarterback Adam Camobreco (Duxbury) punched it in from five yards out and the ensuing extra point gave BSC the 20-0 lead.

The Bears defense was not finished, however, as it forced its third interception of the game. Junior linebacker Matt Hammond intercepted a pass at the Westfield 43 and returned it down to the 20 yard line. The Bears again took advantage of the turnover as Camobreco hooked up with junior Ethan Plante (North Dighton) on a five-yard touchdown pass.

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"We're looking to improve the blocks," Paquette said, "and she's a big part of our efforts there."

Paquette's squad will head to the Russell Sage Tournament this weekend, where they will take on an array of Massachusetts and New York squads in round-robin action. It will be a high-quality weekend slate of games, but one that Paquette thinks his team will do well in.

"It's a pretty good level," he said. "Last year, we beat Russell Sage in a non-tournament game, and that was one of the highlights of our season. So we know we can compete."

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September 30, 2004

Costa named player of the week

WESTFIELD - Westfield State College goalie Matt Costa of Chicopee was named the Mass. State Conference men's soccer player of the week on Sept. 27.

The Chicopee High graduate and Holyoke Community College transfer anchored an Owl defense that did not allow a goal in two games last week. He recorded six saves, including two spectacular stop in the first overtime of a 0-0 tie with nationally ranked Keene State. Costa also played the first 46 minutes with two saves in a 4-0 shutout of Newbury.

The Westfield men's soccer team owns a 3-2-1 record with four straight shutouts, heading into Wednesday's game at Albertus Magnus. The Owls open conference play Saturday, Oct. 2, when they host Salem State at 6 p.m.

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Sports Roundup

Women's Soccer Shuts Out MCLA

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's soccer team won its first conference game by blanking MCLA, 2-0, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 19.

The Owls are 5-6-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the Mass. State Conference. MCLA is 2-9-2 and 0-5.

Sophomore forward Kate McMillan (Belchertown) scored the game-winning goal on a breakaway in the 31st minute, with an assist from senior Tara McDonough (Palmer).

Junior back Elizabeth Rosales (Belmont), who was moved to the forward position for the game, scored an insurance goal in the second half, following a nice assist from sophomore Emily Johnson (East Longmeadow).

Westfield outshot MCLA, 21-10.

College Field Hockey
Westfield State 6 – Salem State 1

WESTFIELD – Sophomore forward Shanna Litterst had two goals and three assists to lead Westfield State to a 6-1 conference field hockey victory over Salem State on Oct. 16.

The Owls improved to 9-3 overall and 5-2 in the conference, following two tough road losses earlier in the week. Salem is 2-9.

Litterst recorded assists on the first three goals and scored the fourth goal as the Owls jumped out to a 5-0 halftime lead. The first-year player from Falmouth leads the Owls in scoring with nine goals and four assists.

Scoring two first-half goals was freshman Carolyn Insigne (Lindenhurst, N.Y.).

College Volleyball

WORCESTER – Westfield State suffered a pair of 3-1 setbacks to Worcester State and Framingham in a conference tri-match Oct. 16.

Westfield (8-11 overall, 3-2 conference) won the first game against Worcester in thrilling fashion, 35-33. The second-place Lancers took the next three games 30-19, 30-19, 30-24.

Leading the Owls were: Lindsay Dalene (21 kills), Krista Grifoni (40 assists), Amy Svatike (30 digs), and Stephanie West (5 kills, 16 digs).

The Owls also won a lengthy opening game vs. Framingham, 31-29. The Rams won the next three 30-25, 30-24, 31-29.

Leading the Owls were: Dalene (16 kills, 10 blocks), Grifoni (40 assists, 7 digs), Svatik (32 digs, 3 kills), West (6 kills, 10 digs), Rachel Sweeney (8 kills, 2 blocks), Kate Spriegel (11 blocks), and Morgan Hosking (7 kills, 5 digs, 2 blocks).

College Men's Soccer
Mass Maritime 3 – Westfield 1

BUZZARDS BAY – Mass Maritime Academy won its fourth straight game behind Brendan Duggan's two goals in a 3-1 victory over Westfield State on Oct. 16.

Mass Maritime is 7-5 overall and 3-1 in the conference. The Owls are 5-5-2 and 1-2-1.

Duggan scored four minutes into the game to stake the Bucs to a 1-0 lead. Westfield junior Ray Cheria of Ludlow tied the score with eight minutes remaining in the first half.

Duggan scored the game-winning goal six minutes into the second half. The Bucs tacked on an insurance goal in the 76th minute.

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WSC field hockey shuts out Fitchburg, improves to 5-1

WESTFIELD — Sophomore midfielder Kate Anderson (Georgetown) scored the game-winning goal to lead Westfield State to a 2-0 field hockey victory over Fitchburg State on Wednesday.

Westfield upped its record to 5-1 in winning its conference opener. Fitchburg is 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Little East Conference.

Anderson scored the game-winning goal with 9:53 remaining in the first half. She leads the Owls in scoring with three goals and seven assists.

Westfield tallied its final goal midway through the second half off a penalty corner. Freshman Megan Wolski scored with an assist from Ashley Brogan.

MEN'S SOCCER

WSC 2, Albertus Magnus 0

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - The Westfield State men's soccer team recorded its fifth straight shutout.

Westfield, which is one shy of the school record for consecutive shutouts, improved to 4-2-1. Albertus Magnus is 3-5.

Westfield scored its goals in a two-minute span midway through the first half. Senior Jeff Whittaker of Southwick opened the scoring with 25:36 left following a header assist from sophomore Dave Nalewanski of Easthampton, who recorded two assists for the second straight game.

With 24 minutes remaining, freshman Dave Nalewanski scored following his brother's assist after the goalie came out of the box.

Westfield was outshot, 16-15. Westfield goalie Matt Costa of Chicopee had seven saves, including a brilliant stop with eight minutes remaining in the game.

NATIONALLY-RANKED BRANDEIS SURVIVES WSC: WESTFIELD — Senior Lauren Gregor scored off a defensive misplay with 2:09 left in the second overtime to give Brandeis University a 1-0 victory over the Westfield State women's soccer team.

Brandeis, ranked fourth in New England and 24th nationally, remains unbeaten with an 8-0 record, while Westfield drops to 2-4.

The game appeared headed for a scoreless tie when Jessica Druckman's shot attempt was mishandled by Westfield goalie Natalia Araszkiewicz on the slick artificial turf. Gregor gathered in the loose ball and easily stroked it into the goal.

Araskiewicz registered 10 saves for Westfield, while Brandeis junior goalie Natasha Pieciek of Three Rivers, Mass., (Palmer High School) recorded four saves.

VOLLEYBALL WINS FIFTH STRAIGHT: NORTH ADAMS — The Westfield State women's volleyball team won its fifth straight game by defeating MCLA, 3-1, in a conference match Sept. 28.

The Owls improved to 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Westfield lost the first game, 30-22, but came back to win three straight: 30-22, 30-25, 30-18.

Senior captain Amy Svatik had 20 digs, 1 kill and 2 aces. Junior outside hitter Lindsay Dalene recorded nine kills, 3 aces and four blocks, and Stefanie West finished with nine kills and nine digs. Rachel Sweeney contributed six kills, six assists, three digs and one block, and Kristen Gorski was credited with 24 assists.

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Litterst, Wolski Players Of Week

Westfield State College field hockey standout Shanna Litterst was named the Mass. State Conference Player of the Week, and teammate Megan Wolski was selected the Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for Oct. 24.

Litterst, a talented sophomore forward from Falmouth, had two goals and an assist in a 4-1 conference victory over Bridgewater State.

Westfield, 10-4 overall, earned a share of the Mass. State Conference title, finishing MASCAC play with a 4-1 record. Litterst is among the MASCAC leaders in goals (11) and points (27).

Wolski – a Plymouth South High School graduate - scored a goal in a loss at Keene State and a goal vs. Bridgewater State. Wolski also was named to the MASCAC weekly honor roll.

Three more Westfield State athletes were weekly honor roll selections.

In women's soccer, sophomore **Erin Lowney** (Fall River) scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 victory at Fitchburg State. In men's soccer, junior **Ray Cheria** (Ludlow) scored two goals in a 4-0 victory over Fitchburg State.

And in football, junior fullback, **Mark Puchalski** (Whately) rushed for a career-best 126 yards on 17 carries, including a 46-yard touchdown run, in a 28-12 victory over Framingham State. The Frontier Regional High School graduate also caught two passes for 31 yards.

Football Team Tops Framingham, 28-12

WESTFIELD – Junior fullback Mark Puchalski (Whately/ Frontier Regional High School) rushed for 126 yards on 17 carries, including a 46-yard touchdown, to lead Westfield State to a 28-12 victory over Framingham State.

Westfield improved to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. Framingham remains winless at 0-7.

On Westfield's first play of the second half, the 6-2, 230-pound Puchalski ran untouched around right end for his 46-yard TD to snap a scoreless tie.

The Owls were driving for another score two minutes later but quarterback Mike Lorenzano's desperation pass was intercepted by Framingham sophomore linebacker William Junkins (Abington), who returned it 79 yards for a touchdown.

Westfield stayed ahead, 7-6, as the Rams received a personal foul for excessive celebration following the touchdown and their PAT attempt failed.

The Owls went ahead 14-6 with 1:53 remaining in the third quarter with a 12-play, 59-yard drive that was capped when Jim Fennelly recovered a loose ball in the end zone following a Lorenzo fumble at the four-yard line.

Westfield scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns on a 1-yard plunge by senior Don Jones and a 9-yard pass reception by B.J. Holleran. Framingham scored with 2:33 remaining on a 31-yard reception by Patrick Sheehan.

Led by Puchalski, Westfield compiled 399 yards in total offense, including 233 rushing yards, and the Owls had 24 first downs to Framingham's eight. Jones had 71 yards on 26 carries. Lorenzo completed 15 of 26 passes for 166 yards. Senior David Trueira (6 receptions, 49 yards), and Holleran (5-73) led the receivers.

The Rams were held to 144 yards in total offense, most in the fourth quarter against Westfield reserves. Framingham had 28 net yards rushing on 28 attempts.

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Owls to host cross-country meet

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Keene State 'cross country teams will kick off a busy day at the Owl Athletic complex today when the Owl men's and women's teams host the 10th annual Keene State Invitational.

The women's race begins at 11 a.m., followed by the men's competition at 11:45. The Owl men, led by All-American Dave Bridgewater, will be going for their sixth straight title while the KSC women look to repeat last year's performance, when they captured their first team championship.

Women's Soccer

UNH 3, Binghamton 2, OT: Chiara Best's second goal of the game, an unassisted tally at 103:07 of overtime, gave the UNH women's soccer team a hard-fought triumph yesterday afternoon. It was the America East opener for both teams.

It appeared that the visitors might be on their way to victory when Best tied the game at 2-2 with a goal at 82:57 of regulation.

Manchester (Conn.) CC 3, Hesser 1: Walpole's Lisa Wetmore scored Hesser College's lone goal in a road loss to Manchester (Conn.) Community College. Hesser goalie Nikki Adamtzikis had 12 saves. Hesser dropped to 0-5.

Plymouth State 1, Colby-Sawyer 0: Kelsey McBride 10:48 into the first half and PSU goalies Elizabeth McAloon and Haley Quinones did not have to make a save in a Thursday win.

Men's Soccer

Merrimack 3, St. Anselm 1: Merrimack opened the second half scoring three goals in less than 13 minutes to win it Thursday. Diego Gabadian, Maiocco and Mateus Delboni tallied. St. Anselm's Bruce Dietterle scored with less than eight minutes to play. Merrimack is 9-1, while the Hawks are 1-5-2.

Women's Tennis

Rhode Island College 7, Plymouth State 2: Defending Little East Conference champion Rhode Island College registered its 13th straight regular season conference victory, downing Plymouth State.

RIC, which improved to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the LEC this season, has not lost a Little East match since falling to Plymouth State on Sept. 24, 2002. PSU fell to 4-4 overall and [illegible] in the conference.

In No. 4 singles play, Kseniya Gurvich handed PSU junior Rachel Xavier of Meredith her first loss of the season, 3-6, 7-5, (11-9) after seven straight wins. Xavier did bounce back to win at No. 2 doubles with freshman Jill Deyermond of Atkinson.

Volleyball

Rivier 3, Framingham State 1; Rivier 3, Newbury 0; Rivier College of Nashua captured two first-round matches in the Rhode Island College Women's Volleyball Invitational at RIC in Providence last night.

Now 6-8 on the season, Rivier defeated Framingham State, 3-1, by game scores of 30-23, 26-30, 30-21, and 32-30. Rivier also handled Newbury College, 3-0. The scores in that one were 30-16, 30-11, and 30-18.

Keene State 3, Westfield State 0: The Keene ~~State volleyball~~ team snapped its six-game losing streak after sweeping a three-game match against Westfield State last night at Spaulding Gymnasium.

KSC improves to 3-7 while Westfield goes to 5-5.

The scores were 30-23, 30-24, and 30-20. Junior Shelly Ellis of Hampton led Keene's offense with 12 kills, nine digs, and one service ace.

Field Hockey

UConn 6, UNH 0: Lauren Henderson scored three goals to propel sixth -ranked Connecticut at Memorial Field in Durham.

UNH goalkeeper Christine Buckley had 11 saves to mark the fifth time in 10 games this season that she has reached double digits in saves.

Westfield State 1, Plymouth State 0: Sophomore forward Shanna Litterst's second-half goal lifted Westfield State over Plymouth State last night at Westfield, Mass.

The Owls improved to 6-0 overall in the Little East Conference. Plymouth is 6-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

Honors

Dartmouth junior Tiffany Hagge of Coon Rapids, Minn., was one of 15 women's hockey players selected to represent the United States at the 2004 Four Nations Cup in November in Lake Placid.

The announcement was made by USA Hockey and its comes on the heels of Hagge's participation this past year at the USA Hockey Festival and with the U.S. Under 22 team. She also previously participated in the Junior National Camp from 1999 to 2002.

Dartmouth also has four players who were invited to try out for Canada's Four Nations Cup team. Senior Meagan Walton of Calgary, Alta., and juniors Gillian Apps of Unionville, Ont., Cheri Piper of Scarborough, Ont., and Katie Weatherston of Thunder Bay, Ont. are among 40 players who will participate in the Thanksgiving Festival in Kitchener, Ont., this week.

Last winter Hagge played in all 34 games for the Big Green and tied for the team lead in assists (26), while finishing second in points (47) and third in goals (21). She earned honorable mention for the All-ECAC Hockey League team. Hagge was also named to the Ivy League and ECACHL all-academic teams.

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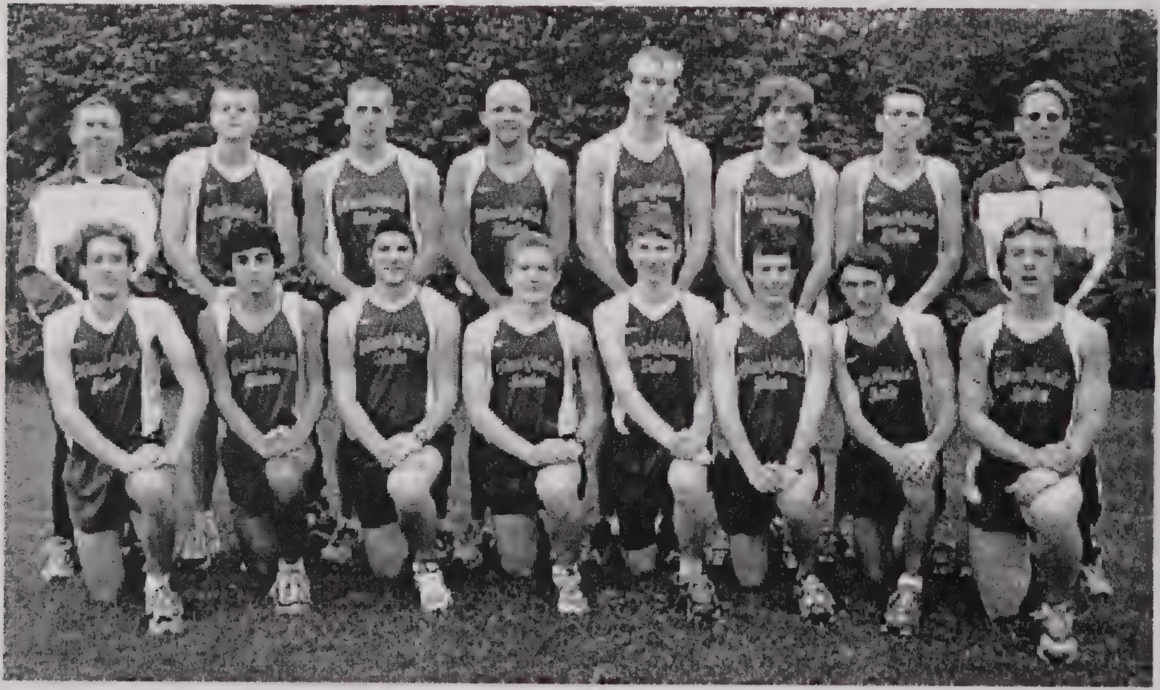
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: First row, left to right: Sarah Clark, Adriana Gomez, Aimee Worcester, Christine Byrne. Second row: Amanda Baker, Linda Drohn, Mary Kate Gilrein, Jillian Slyva, Marissa Blume. Third row: assistant coach Jason Davis, Colleen Wimberly, Heather Wenninger, Caitlin Bates, Alison Wesolowski, Kim Grant, head coach Bob Rausch. *Mickey Curtis Photos*



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: First row, left to right: Andy Messer, Nate Cristofori, Brandon Knox, John Kryzstofik, Andy Strniste, Dave Estabrook, Chris Cuff, Bill Magdalensky. Second row: assistant coach Jason Davis, Matt Frederick, Jay Cunha, Geoff Churchill, Byron Baily, John Messer, Stephen Cole, head coach Bob Rausch.

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Westfield State hosts Worcester State on Family Weekend

The Westfield State College football team hosts Worcester State in a key New England Football Conference game today at the Family Weekend game, beginning at 1 p.m.

Westfield enters the game 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. The Owls saw their 18-game Bogan Division winning streak snapped last week in a 22-15 setback at Fitchburg State.

Worcester is 3-1 overall, and this is the first divisional game for the Lancers. Worcester lost to WPI, 40-7, and has defeated Salve Regina, 27-0, Nichols, 16-8, and MIT, 33-0. Westfield's lone victory was a 22-7 triumph over Nichols.

The Owls have held a slight edge over Worcester State the past three seasons when they captured three consecutive Bogan Division championships. Westfield has won the past three games vs. Worcester by a total of 10 points, including a 21-19 victory last year. Westfield rallied to defeat Worcester, 34-30, during the final game of the 2001 regular season when both teams were undefeated.

The Owls are looking to get their running game untracked. Senior Don Jones has only rushed for 146 yards in the first three games, but he has scored five touchdowns. Fullback Mark Puchalski has rushed for 111 yards and is averaging 39.1 yards per punt.

Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor – a transfer from the University of Maine, is averaging 200.7 passing yards per game, the best in the NEFC. He has completed 45 of 96 passes with three interceptions.

Senior David Trueira (18 catches, 252 yards) and junior B.J. Holleran (16-228) are the leading receivers.

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Cross Country Teams Capture MASCAC Crowns

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FITCHBURG – The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both captured Mass. State Conference championships on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Fitchburg's Coggshall Park.

It was an impressive display of depth and "pack running" that gave the Owls the sweep. For the Westfield men, it was their fifth title in 10 years and their 18th championship overall in the meet's 33-year history. The Westfield women won for the first time since 2000, and it was their conference-leading 10th title in 20 years.

"That was the best pack running I've seen since I've been here," said 10th year head coach Bob Rausch, "We knew if we stayed together that it would be tough to beat us. We executed our meet strategy perfectly."

The Westfield men had no runner place in the top five, but they still won the meet rather easily. The Owls totaled 41 points as their first six runners placed in the top 12. Fitchburg State, second with 66 points, had the second and fifth finishers, but its No. 3 runner was 15th. Mass. Maritime, third with 71 points, had the No. 3 and 4 runners but its third-best runner finished 15.

"We actually thought the other teams would be closer," Rausch remarked. "But there was a big gap between their (Fitchburg, Mass Maritime) second and third runners. A big gap."

Salem State's Fabian Mejia defended his individual title with a time of 24:13 over the 4.8-mile course. Westfield's top finisher was senior Geoff Churchill (6th, 25:23), who earned all-conference honors for the fourth straight year.

"Geoff hurt his foot on Columbus Day (Oct. 11) and he just began working out on a regular basis last Thursday and Friday," said Rausch. "We were nervous if he would even finish the race."

Churchill was closely followed by identical twins Andy Messer (7th, 25:32) and John Messer (8th, 25:45). The Messer's are graduates of Westfield High School, and Andy Messer was the first freshman in the meet to cross the finish line.

Freshman Christopher Cuff of South Dennis was a pleasant surprise, according to Rausch, finishing ninth in 25:51. Senior Matt Frederick placed 11th (26:00), followed by sophomore Nathan Cristofori of Plymouth (12th, 26:05) and sophomore John Krzystofik of Chicopee (19th, 26:44).

In the women's meet, Westfield totaled 32 points to outpace Worcester State (43) and Bridgewater State (67). Worcester State had three of the top five runners, but its No. 4 runner finished 15th. Westfield, meanwhile, placed five in the top 10 and seven in the top 13.

Worcester State sophomore standout Olivia Patch defended her individual title with a time of 19:54 over the 3.1-mile course. Westfield State sophomore Heather Wenninger of Chicopee earned all-conference honors for the third consecutive year by placing second, trailing Patch by 16 seconds.

"Heather ran a good race," said Rausch. "In past races she had finished 45 seconds to a minute behind Patch."

Rausch also praised the performance of fifth-year senior Aimee Worcester (Lakeville), who earned all-conference honors by placing sixth in 21:44. The Owls' pack runners included: freshman Kim Grant of East Sandwich (7th, 22:24), junior Marissa Blume of Westwood) (8th, 22:34), freshman Amanda Baker of Webster) (9th, 22:39), senior Christine Byrne of Sharon (11th, 23:01), and sophomore Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley (13th, 23:09).

As the fall sports seasons wind down, seniors on the Westfield State teams have been recognized for their contributions to the athletics programs. Top photo: seniors Amy Svatik, left, and Beth Chapdelaine are presented gifts before the volleyball team's final home game last Tuesday. Bottom photo: students showed their support for the seniors, including Matt Gurley.

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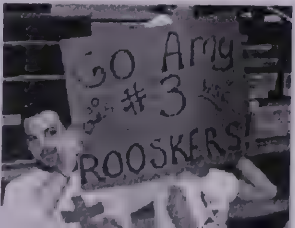

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Westfield holds on

Staff reports

Sophomore forward Shanna Litterst's second-half goal lifted Westfield State College to a 1-0 home victory over Plymouth State yesterday.

Senior goalie Kendra Newell had nine saves for Westfield. Eight of her stops came in the second half.

The Owls improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Little East Conference. Plymouth fell to 6-3, 2-2.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Saint Joseph 1, UMass 0: Sophomore Kristen Walker made seven saves and kept UMass in the game, but the Minutewomen bowed at Amherst's Rudd Field.

UMass (2-6, 0-2 Atlantic 10) nearly tied the game on a bid by freshman Britt Canfield of Granville, who rushed down the right side and just missed nestling the ball in the right corner of the goal.

Megan Schutt's goal with 17:51 remaining stood up for Saint Joseph (4-5, 2-0) in the physical game.

Local colleges

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Juniata 3, Springfield 0: With a 30-20, 30-26, 30-25 victory at Huntingdon, Pa., Juniata (17-2) handed Springfield its fourth loss in 16 matches.

The Pride led 13-8 in the third game before the Eagles rallied.

Ashley Reves and Jody Pfeifer played well for Springfield.

Keene State 3, Westfield State 0: Keene State (3-7) snapped a six-game losing streak with a 30-23, 30-24, 30-20 triumph over visiting Westfield State (5-5).

Freshman Kelly Yankowski had 28 assists and five digs for Keene State. Freshman Kate Spriegal of Wilbraham recorded five blocks for Westfield State, which also received 19 digs and two service aces from senior Amy Svatik, and 10 kills from junior Lindsay Dalene.

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Westfield State To Host NCAA Championship

The NCAA Division III field hockey championship will be held at Westfield State College's Alumni Field on Nov. 19-20. The semifinal games will be held at 2 and 5 p.m. on Nov. 19, and the championship game will be played at 3 p.m. on Nov. 20. In addition,the National Field Hockey Coaches Association will hold a senior all-star game on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. Helping to promote the event from Westfield State are pictured, left to right: assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, field hockey senior players Laura Scott and Kendra Newell, and field hockey head coach Heather Cabral. Tickets can be purchased by calling 413-572-5405. Ticket prices are $10 for adults and $6 for students for a two-day pass, and $7 for adults and $4 for students for one day. Youth groups rates are available. The championship will feature the top four Division III field hockey teams in the nation. Westfield State hosted the first championship game in 1981. "We are thrilled and honored to host this event. It is a great event for the college and the community," said Bals. "The level of competition and the excitement of the games will surpass the expectations of many." *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Westfield State enjoys blowout

WESTFIELD – Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor (Lanesboro, Mass.) completed 17 of 34 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed for 40 yards to lead Westfield State to a 27-3 victory over Worcester State in New England Football Conference action Oct. 2.

The victory evened the Owls' record at 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the NEFC Bogan Division. Worcester is 3-2 and 0-1.

In the past three meetings between these teams Westfield, won all three games by a total of 10 points. Another close contest was anticipated, but the Owls converted their scoring chances while their bend-but-don't-break defense was able to stop Worcester several times in the red zone.

Westfield took a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter with a 13-play, 69-yard drive that was capped by a three-yard touchdown pass to Jim Fennelly (Wilmington). Fennelly, who plays extensively on defense as a linebacker, was lined up as a fullback in the Power I short yardage situation.

The Lancers made the score 7-3 with a 21-yard field goal by Gabriel Donaldson that capped a five-play, 72-yard drive. The big play in the drive was a 76-yard scamper by junior Kenyatta Hale (Norton0 to the Westfield 2. But the Lancers were forced to boot the field goal as they lost three yards on three rushing plays.

Westfield scored a key touchdown with 37 seconds remaining in the first half on a six-yard pass from Meczywor to senior Tim Tontonoz (Chicopee) that capped a 9-play, 60-yard drive.

After stopping Worcester again in the red zone in the third quarter when the Lancers missed a 21-yard field goal, Westfield expanded its lead with a seven-yard touchdown pass from Meczywor to junior fullback Mark Puchalski (South Deerfield) with 10:22 remaining in the game. The five-play TD drive was set up when Ryan Riley intercepted a pass at the Worcester 37.

The Owls tacked on an insurance touchdown with 4:38 remaining on senior Don Jones' (Springfield) one-yard TD run that capped an 8-play, 49-yard drive,

Jones led Westfield's rushing attack with 68 yards on 21 carries. The Owls rushed for 163 net yards to finish with 348 yards in total offense. Westfield's leading receivers were junior B.J. Holleran (6 catches, 72 yards) and senior David Trueira (5 catches, 60 yards).

Worcester racked up 325 yards in total offense but was unable to cross the goal line. The Lancers rushed for 234 yards on 42 carries, with Hale picking up 176 yards on 15 carries. — *Courtesy of Westfield State College sports information department*

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Meczywor Sets Record In Victory At Maine Maritime

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CASTINE, Me. – Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor (Lanesboro, Mass.) completed a school record 25 passes and threw for 298 yards and a touchdown to lead Westfield State to a 17-14 victory over Maine Maritime Academy in New England Football Conference action Oct. 30.

The victory improved Westfield's record to 5-3 and assured the Owls of their fourth straight winning season. Maine Maritime, which upset Worcester State last week, falls to 2-6,

Meczywor played well despite being sidelined for the past two weeks with an injury. And it was a homecoming of sorts for the 6-5, 225-pound signal caller who played his first three years at the University of Maine in nearby Orono.

Meczywor's 25 completions are three more than the previous record of 22 set by Chris Lapointe last season. He attempted 42 passes, six shy of Lapointe single-game record of 48 attempts. He also had 30 yards rushing on six carries

Junior wide receiver B.J. Holleran (Quincy) also had a monster game for the Owls with 12 catches for 139 yards; the receptions were one shy of the single-game school record of 13 catches by Matt Yvon in 2001.

Maine Maritime, which racked up 269 rushing yards on 54 carries in its option offense, quickly took a 7-0 lead 50 seconds into the game. The Mariners marched 81 yards in three plays, with quarteback Patrick Bard – who had a game-high 103 yards rushing on 26 carries - scoring on a two-yard run. The big play in the opening drive was a 68-yard run by Scott Lasse to the two-yard line.

Westfield took the ensuing kickoff and marched 71 yards in 10 plays, with junior fullback Mark Puchalski scoring from one yard out. The Owls took a 14-7 lead with 1:17 left in the first quarter on an 11-yard touchdown reception by senior David Trueira.

The Mariners tied the score, 14-14, with 2:12 left in the first half, as Chelsea Allen's five-yard run capped a 5-play, 39-yard drive.

The Owls scored the game-winning points with 9:44 remaining in the third quarter on freshman Garret Davis' (Belchertown) 37-yard field goal that capped a 7-play, 23-yard drive.

The Owls were able to contain the Mariners' option offense by recovering four fumbles, including a key fumble recovery by senior standout Jessie Holmes at their own 34 yard line with 2:24 remaining in the contest.

Jim Fennelly led Westfield with 13 tackles, including 12 solo stops. Matt Wooliver and Ryan Togneri each had eight tackles.

Fennelly Named Player Of Week

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Westfield State College junior linebacker Jim Fennelly (Wilmington) was named the New England Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 1, 2004.

The 5-11, 220-pound transfer from Division II University of Missouri Rolla posted 13 tackles, including 12 solo stops, and forced a fumble in a 17-14 victory at Maine Maritime Academy on Oct. 30.

The Owls improved their record to 5-3 for their fourth consecutive winning season. Westfield concluded its season with a non-divisional game at Curry College on Nov. 6. Curry is 7-1 overall and will play Fitchburg State in the NEFC championship game on Nov. 13.

Jim Fennelly

Four more Westfield State athletes were named to weekly honor rolls, most notably quarterback **Jon Meczywor** (Lanesboro).

The 6-5, 225-pound signal caller returned from an injury in fine fashion as he set a school record with 25 pass completions in the victory over Maine Maritime. The University of Maine transfer completed 25 of 42 passes for 298 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed six times for 30 yards.

Men's soccer senior defender **Jay Jeffrey** (Bangor, ME) scored the lone goal in the Owls' tough 2-1 overtime setback to conference champion Worcester State.

Senior **Amy Svatik** (Stratford, CT) recorded 29 digs in a 3-0 regular season loss to conference volleyball champion Bridgewater State. The Owls played Bridgewater State again Nov. 6 in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

In field hockey, freshman **Megan Wolski** was recognized for scoring two goals in a 4-0 victory over Anna Maria.

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COLLEGE WEDNESDA

Churchill running down the stretch

By Jim Fenton
ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

IN his first year at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High, Geoff Churchill was looking for a sport to get involved with.

"I went out for freshman football," said Churchill, "but I really wasn't any good at it."

His older sister, Lee, was a track standout at B-R and later Fitchburg State College, so Churchill decided to take that route.

"When winter track came around, I started running," he said. "I was not fast enough to be a sprinter, so I went for long distances."

Seven years later, Churchill is still running as he winds up a productive cross country career at Westfield State College.

The Owls' senior captain and a three-time All-Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference selection has been one of Westfield's top runners since arriving in 2001.

Churchill won the MASCAC meet in a stunning finish as a sophomore, helping the Owls take the team championship, and placed fourth as a freshman and junior. He will compete in the conference meet for a final time Saturday at Fitchburg.

"It's kind of a cliché, but he's one of those guys who you'll have a tough time replacing," said Westfield State coach Bob Rausch. "He is the whole package. He's a pleasure to be around.

"The freshmen are by his side all the time. He'll stick with them, leads by example. I wouldn't trade him for anybody. He puts himself in a position to win all the time."

The Bridgewater resident was attracted to Westfield State because of its criminal justice program and a winning tradition in cross country.

He stepped in and earned all-conference honors as a freshman, then made a name for himself by winning the MASCAC race as a sophomore in 2002.

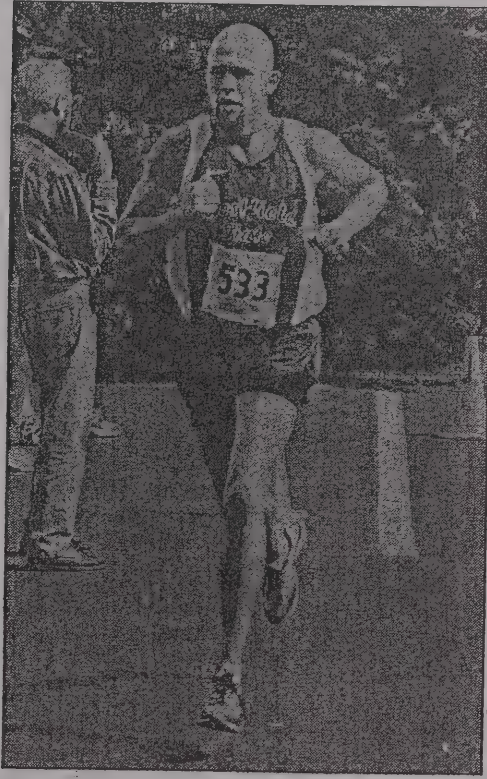
That victory ranks as the highlight of Churchill's career as he put together a comeback in the final stages to finish first.

"He was about 50 yards behind in the last 200 yards and he caught two runners ahead of him," said Rausch. "It was one of the most exciting races I've seen.

"That's Geoff. He never thinks he's out of it. He figures if he can see (a runner ahead of him), he can get it. He never gets down. That day, he had that look on his face. He knew he was going to catch those guys."

As far as Churchill is concerned his individual victory that day was overshadowed by Westfield's team title.

The come-from-behind win, however, will be something he long remembers



GEOFF CHURCHILL winds up a productive cross country career at Westfield State College.

"I was having a decent year that season," said Churchill. "I realized in the last half-mile I had a chance to take over the lead and I just went for it.

"I picked up the pace. I was third and after I passed the second-place runner I thought I had a shot to finish first. I just kept digging and got there.

"It felt awesome. It made me realize that I can compete with these guys."

Churchill was slowed in his junior season after undergoing surgery for a hernia in mid-August. That set him back at the beginning of the Owls' season, though he still finished fourth in the MASCAC meet with roughly the same time as the previous year.

"It was a minor setback in the beginning, but by the end of the year, I was running as fast as my sophomore year," said Churchill, who received the team's most outstanding contributor award. "I was out a few weeks and couldn't train right before the season, but by the time school started, I was ready. I just was out of shape."

Entering his final season this year, Churchill put in extra work during the summer to prepare. He did more running and rode a bicycle 50 miles a week.

"It made me stronger on hills," he said. "It really has made my legs a lot stronger. I ran my best time of the year in our last meet (in Holyoke), so I'm right where I need to be to get ready for the MASCACs."

Churchill has also placed 14th twice and 15th once at the New England Alliance meet during his career and has competed in the NCAA New England Regional races, improving from 87th as a freshman to 63rd as a junior.

The two-time captain has steadily lowered his time throughout the four years and is all business when it comes to running.

"He's very optimistic and easy going," said Rausch. "When the time comes for a big race, he gets that look in his eyes and off he goes.

"He's run very well this year. He trained pretty hard this summer to get himself ready. He looks better than ever. We thought he would do well when he came here, and right away you could tell he would have an impact and be a big contributor.

"I think he's a lot smarter as a runner now. Times are hard to compare from season to season, but he knows what he has to do, when to turn it on, when to pick up the pace."

In addition to running cross country, Churchill competed as a freshman and sophomore in the steeplechase for the spring track team and ran the 1,500 and 3,000 for the winter track team. He finished first in the steeplechase as a freshman and sophomore at the MASCAC meet and was second as a sophomore in the New England Alliance meet.

"It's a different race," said Churchill. "You hurdle two miles. You need strength. My first meet during the outdoor season I saw it and it looked like a fun race."

Churchill is undecided about whether he'll return to track for one final season, but he definitely knows his cross country career is winding down.

"It's gone better than I expected when I got here," said Churchill. "When I first came here, I wanted to be in the top five (of the team), be one of the top runners.

"Winning the MASCAC just made my career that much better. I give my coach a lot of credit. He gets your potential out of you.

"I've enjoyed it here. It doesn't seem possible, it's shocking, that I have only a few more cross country races. I was just thinking about it the other day, remembering my first practice here. I'm glad I came here."

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Framingham Edges Owls, 2-1

Framingham State scored on a penalty corner with no time remaining to defeat Westfield State, 2-1, in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference field hockey tournament on Nov. 2 in Framingham.

Framingham, the No. 4 seed, improved to 10-6 while Westfield, the No. 5 seed finished its season with a 11-6 record, a remarkable turnaround from the Owls' 3-13 record last year.

Westfield scored first with 12 minutes remaining in the first half when sophomore Kate Anderson fired a shot past the FSC goalie.

The Rams struggled offensively in the first half, but had a chance to tie the game just before halftime when they were awarded a penalty stroke. Junior Jenn Johnson took the stroke but goalie Kendra Newell made one of her 14 saves to preserve the Owls' 1-0 lead.

The Rams picked up the intensity in the second half and were able to generate more scoring chances. Freshman Ashley Flood deflected a shot from Johnson into the net just over five minutes into the second half to the tie score.

The Rams were awarded a penalty corner with the clock winding down and Johnson scored her 18th goal of the season and the game winner with no time left on the clock on a pass from Lisa Ranalli.

With the goal, Johnson established herself as the Rams' all-time leading scorer and set a single-season mark for goals.

Wenninger Paces Cross Country

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Cross Country Places Third

NORTH DARTMOUTH – The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both finished third in the New England Alliance championships on Oct. 30.

Junior Heather Wenninger of Chicopee paced the Owls, finishing second with a time of 18:41 over the 3.1 mile course. Keene State junior Erin Landon won in18:33.

The Westfield women totaled 79 points in the 10-team meet, trailing Keene State (24) and Southern Maine (73).

Also earning all-conference honors for Westfield by placing in the top 20 was fifth-year senior Aimee Worcester (18th, 20:36). Junior Marissa Blume finished 22nd in 20:47, followed by freshman Kim Grant (27th, 20:57), sophomore Alison Wesolowski (28th, 21:06), and freshman Amanda Baker (31st, 21:13).

In the 12-team men's meet, Westfield compiled 112 points, trailing Keene State (23) and Southern Maine (78). Keene State senior Dave Bridgewater won the five-mile race in 24:41.

Westfield's top finisher was sophomore Nathan Cristofori (21st, 27:10), followed by freshman Andy Messer (26th, 27:32), freshman John Messer (28th, 27:32), senior Matt Frederick (29th, 27:37), and freshman Chris Cuff (30th, 27:41).

College Women's Soccer
Worcester 1 – Westfield 0

WESTFIELD – Freshman forward Tiffany Rotatori scored with 2:35 remaining to lead Worcester State to a 1-0 double overtime victory over Westfield State in women's soccer action Oct. 30.

Worcester State improved to 9-6-2 overall and 3-2-1 in the conference in qualifying for the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament. Westfield, which needed a victory to earn a spot in the tournament, finishes 6-8-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the conference.

With the Owls playing for the win, Rotatori scored on a breakaway goal with an assist from freshman Lauren Cush.

College Women's Swimming
Westfield 159 – Simmons 124

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team opened its season with a 159-124 victory over Simmons College on Oct. 30.

Junior standout Vanessa Morton was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 200 freestyle, the 100 butterfly, and the 100 freestyle.

Also finishing first were: Rachel Webb (1000 freestyle), Lindsey Bartosz (50 backstroke and 100 backstroke), Katie Piquette (50 breaststroke), Marianne Wilson (diving), Melissa Blain (50 freestyle), Renee Kruszyna (500 freestyle), and Shannon McMahon (50 butterfly).

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WESTFIELD STATE FOOTBALL·ALUMNI WEEKEND

WESTFIELD - It will be both Alumni Weekend and Senior Day as the Westfield State football team hosts winless Framingham State on Saturday, Oct. 23, in its final regular season home game.

The Owls are 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC with three games remaining. They conclude the 2004 season with away games at Maine Maritime on Oct. 30 and at Curry on Nov. 6.

Despite their .500 record, the Owls are ranked second nationally in pass defense (68.1 rating) and seventh nationally in total defense, allowing an average of 210 yards per game.

Junior defensive back Jay Abair of Ludlow leads the Owls with four interceptions, while junior Craig Skribiski of Whately (Frontier Regional) has three interceptions. Senior linebacker Matt Wooliver (Lanesboro) leads the balanced defense with 38 tackles.

Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor, (Lanesboro), who leads the conference in passing (202 yards per game), remains sidelined with an injury he sustained two weeks ago vs. Mass Maritime. The 6-5, 225-pound transfer from the University of Maine did not play last week in the Owls' turnover-plagued 27-0 loss at Bridgewater State.

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Sophomore Kate Anderson
Mass. State Conference Player of the Year

Shanna Litterst
Rookie of the Year

Krista Grifoni
Rookie of the Year

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Puchalski, Owls rush past Framingham State

WESTFIELD — Junior fullback Mark Puchalski (Whately/Frontier Regional High School) rushed for 126 yards on 17 carries, including a 46-yard touchdown, to lead Westfield State to a 28-12 victory over Framingham State in New England Football Conference action on Saturday.

Westfield improved to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. Framingham remains winless at 0-7.

On Westfield's first play of the second half, the 6-2, 230-pound Puchalski ran untouched around right end for his 46-yard TD to snap a scoreless tie.

The Owls were driving for another score two minutes later but quarterback Mike Lorenzano's desperation pass was intercepted by Framingham sophomore linebacker William Junkins (Abington), who returned it 79 yards for a touchdown.

Westfield stayed ahead, 7-6, as the Rams received a personal foul for excessive celebration following the touchdown and their PAT attempt failed.

The Owls went ahead 14-6 with 1:53 remaining in the third quarter with a 12-play, 59-yard drive that was capped when Jim Fennelly recovered a loose ball in the end zone following a Lorenzo fumble at the four-yard line.

Westfield scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns on a 1-yard plunge by senior Don Jones and a 9-yard pass reception by B.J. Holleran. Framingham scored with 2:33 remaining on a 31-yard reception by Patrick Sheehan.

Led by Puchalski, Westfield compiled 399 yards in total offense, including 233 rushing yards, and the Owls had 24 first downs to Framingham's eight. Jones had 71 yards on 26 carries. Lorenzo completed 15 of 26 passes for 166 yards. Senior David Trueira (6 receptions, 49 yards), and Holleran (5-73) led the receivers.

The Rams were held to 144 yards in total offense, most in the fourth quarter against Westfield reserves. Framingham had 28 net yards rushing on 28 attempts.

FIELD HOCKEY

WSC 4, Bridgewater State 1

WESTFIELD — Sophomore forward Shanna Litterst had two goals and and assist to lead Westfield State to a 4-1 conference field hockey victory over Bridgewater State on Oct. 23.

Westfield, 10-4 overall, led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by Litterst off a penalty corner. The first-year player from Falmouth scored another goal off a penalty corner to stake the Owls to a 2-0 lead with 28:02 remaining in the game. Sophomore midfielder Kate Anderson recorded her ninth assist of the season on the goal.

Freshman Megan Wolski (Plymouth) scored an unassisted goal for Westfield with 20:41 remaining. The Owls added a final goal off a penalty corner on the final play of the game. Senior Laura Scott scored just inside the right post following a nice pass from Litterst.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

WSC 1, Fitchburg State 0

FITCHBURG — Sophomore Erin Lowney (Fall River) scored in the 65th minute to lead Westfield State to a 1-0 road victory over Fitchburg State in Mass. State Conference women's soccer action Oct. 23.

The Owls improved to 6-7-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the conference.

Westfield held a big advantage in shots, 23-5.

MEN'S SOCCER

WSC 4, Fitchburg State 0

WESTFIELD — Junior Ray Cheria of Ludlow scored two goals to lead Westfield State to a 4-0 victory over Fitchburg State in Mass. State Conference menís soccer action Oct. 22.

Westfield improved to 6-5-2 overall and 2-2-1 in the conference. Fitchburg, which upset Framingham, 1-0, a day earlier, dropped to 4-9 and 2-4.

The Owls struck quickly for two nearly identical first-half goals in a span of 51 seconds. Cheria headed the ball into the short post after taking a nice cross feed from freshman Drew Nalewanski (Easthampton) in the 12th minute.

Sophomore Dave Nalewanski then scored on a header, with an assist from Brian White.

Cheria scored his second goal 29 seconds into the second half, dribbling through several defenders after receiving a pass from Matt Prest (Westfield).

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Owls Lose Turnover-Filled Football Finale To Curry

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MILTON, Mass. - Tim Jones (Brookline, MA) had three interceptions, two of which he returned for first-half touchdowns, leading Curry to a 34-7 victory against Westfield State in both teams' regular-season finale on Nov. 6.

Deep in his own territory, Owls' quarterback Jon Meczywor threw the first of four picks on the afternoon at 10:29 of the opening frame. Jones ran the ball back 13 yards for an early 7-0 edge.

The second quarter opened with a 26-yard field goal by Dave Vincent (Grafton, MA) that gave Curry a 10-0 edge. On the next possession, with Westfield driving deep into Curry territory, Jones struck again. The rookie cornerback stepped in front of Meczywor's pass at the Colonels' 21 and ran 79 yards for his second score of the first half.

Trailing 17-0, the visitors had trouble generating offense, particularly on the ground. Meanwhile, Curry continued to take advantage of numerous Westfield turnovers. Jones' third interception - with just over a minute remaining in the half - resulted in a 24-yard scoring pass from Denis Hill (Pembroke, MA) to Jon Jones. Twenty two seconds later, the Colonels capitalized on an Owls' fumble as Hill connected with Brad Dick on a 15-yard touchdown play. Curry reached the break with an insurmountable 34-0 edge.

At 10:39 of the third frame, the Owls finally scored against Curry's defense as Meczywor found Mark Puchalski (South Deerfield, MA) from 15 yards out. That accounted for the 34-7 final as the two squads played a scoreless fourth quarter.

The Colonels held Westfield to just six net rushing yards for the game. In addition to his four picks and one touchdown, Meczywor went 10-for-22 for 116 yards before giving way to Brett LeClerc (Raynham, MA). Puchalski led all Owls' receivers with five catches for 67 yards. Curry's Brandon Benoit notched his seventh 100-yard rushing game of the season, with 118 yards on 18 carries. Hill finished 15-of-24 for 140 yards.

Jones tied a school record with his three interceptions and established a new mark for interception return yards with 121. Westfield's Justin Sargent was game-high tackler with nine total hits (7 solo), including three tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and a sack.

This past Saturday, Boyd Division Champion Curry played Bogan Division Champion Fitchburg State in this year's conference championship game. Westfield finished its season at 5-4 for its four consecutive winning season.

Women's Swimming & Diving Schedule

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
	November		
Fri.	12	Regis Invitational	7:00
Sat.	13	Regis Invitational	1:00
Wed.	**17**	**MOUNT HOLYOKE**	**7:00**
Sat.	20	a Smith	1:00
	December		
Wed.	1	at Western New England	7:00
Sat.	4	at Mt. Holyoke w/Smith	10:00
Wed.	**8**	**EASTERN CONNECTICUT**	**7:00**
Sat,	11	at Plymouth State	1:00
	January		
Sat.	**22**	**BRIDGEWATER STATE**	**1:00**
Wed.	26	at St. Joseph, CT	7:00
Sat.	29	at Salem State	1:00
	February		
Sat.	5	at Western Connecticut	1:00
Tue.	**8**	**REGIS**	**7:00**
Fri.-Sun.	18-20	New England Championships @ Bentley College	

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Westfield races to double glory

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Local college notes

The Westfield State men's cross country team captured its fifth Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference championship in 10 years while the Westfield women took the title for the first time since 2000 last weekend at Fitchburg.

Although the Westfield men were without a runner in the top five, they totaled 41 points as their first six runners finished in the top 12 overall.

Twin brothers Andy Messer and John Messer, Westfield High School graduates, finished seventh and eighth, respectively, with Andy the first freshman in the meet to cross the line.

Senior Geoff Churchill was the fastest Owl, finishing sixth overall. Sophomore John Krzystofik of Chicopee was 19th.

In the women's meet, Westfield State's Heather Wenninger of Chicopee earned all conference honors for the third straight year by placing second by only 16 seconds to Worcester State standout Olivia Patch, who defended her individual title with a time of 19 minutes, 54 seconds over the 3.1-mile course.

Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley was 13th overall.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND: The Golden Bears are the top seed in the North Atlantic Conference Field Hockey Tournament that begins Saturday at four campus sites. WNEC (12-7, 8-1) will face Husson College at 6 p.m. at Golden Bear Stadium. Sophomore Allison Jameson leads the team in scoring with 40 points on 17 goals and six assists while Alyssa Katz is second at 9-7-25 ... The women's swimming team opens Saturday at the St. Joseph's (Conn.) Relays at West Hartford. Sophomore Ashley Korbut of South Hadley is among five returning letterwinners who helped WNEC to a 7-4 record, the second straight winning season under coach Andrea Daley. The Golden Bears captured the Great Northeast Athletic Conference title, and finished ninth among 21 teams at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championship ... Former Ludlow High School coach Jeff Peterson has been named assistant wrestling coach. Peterson, a resident of Feeding Hills, compiled a 156-44 record at Ludlow from 1994-2003. His teams captured seven Pioneer Valley League championships, and five Western Massachusetts titles. He was selected as the 2003 Massachusetts coach of the year after leading the Lions to the state championship. Since 2001, Peterson has served as vice principal at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

AIC: Lindsey Wolfe of Westfield was named to the first team of the Northeast-10 women's soccer All-Academic squad. Wolfe, a sophomore and two-sport participant, has a 3.95 grade point average while majoring in physical therapy. Teammate Jessica Ienna (3.60, biology) made the second team.

UMASS: The women's rowing varsity eight finished 24th in the championship race at the Head of the Charles Regatta Sunday. It was the highest finish by any Atlantic 10 school as George Washington finished 33rd and Fordham 37th. The varsity eight included junior Stephanie Hopf of Hadley.

AMHERST: Sophomore outside hitter Kristin Quinn was named the New England Small College Athletic Conference women's volleyball player of the week for the second time in three weeks after posting 38 kills, 18 blocks, and three service aces in a three matches at the Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament.

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Westfield State Lands 22 On All-Conference Teams

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Twenty-two Westfield State College athletes representing six fall sports teams earned all-conference honors for their outstanding efforts this past season.

Heading the list of honorees were six members of the field hockey team, which was co-champion of the Mass. State Conference with Framingham State. It was the fourth conference crown in the past six seasons for the Owls, who rebounded from last season's 3-13 record to finish with an overall record of 11-6.

Directing the turnaround was sixth-year head coach Heather Cabral, who was selected the MASCAC Coach of the Year for the third time; she also was honored in 1999 and 2000.

Two Westfield field hockey players gained special recognition; sophomore midfielder Kate Anderson (Georgetown) was named MASCAC co-Player of the Year and sophomore forward Shanna Litterst (Falmouth) was selected conference Rookie of the Year in both the MASCAC and Little East Conference.

Anderson had six goals and nine assists, two shy of the school record. Litterst totaled a team-high 13 goals and five assists in her first year of collegiate field hockey.

Both Anderson and Litterst were first team all-conference selections along with junior midfielder Ashley Brogan (Spencer), who also was a first teamer in 2003. Selected to the second team were sophomore back Missy Alcorn (Waltham) and senior forward Laura Scott (Mansfield).

Earning all-conference field hockey honors in the 11-team Little East Conference were first-team selections Anderson and Litterst, and senior goalie Kendra Newell (Groveland), who was a second team pick.

In soccer, four Westfield State men and four women were accorded all-conference status. First team picks in men's soccer were junior midfielder Ray Cheria (Ludlow), senior midfielder Jeff Whittaker (Southwick) and sophomore forward Dave Nalewanski (Easthampton), who posted team highs of six goals and four assists. Senior back Jay Jeffrey (Bangor, ME) was a second team selection.

In women's soccer, senior goalie Natalia Araskiewicz (Framingham) and senior back Liz Rosales (Belmont) were first team all-conference. Named to the second team were senior midfielder Tara McDonough (Palmer) and sophomore forward Kate McMillan (Belchertown), who scored a team-high five goals.

In women's volleyball, senior libero Amy Svatik (Stratford, CT) and junior outside hitter Lindsay Dalene (East Hartland, CT) were first team all-conference. Svatik totaled 543 digs for an average of 6.3 per game. Dalene led the Owls with 248 kills, 36 service aces and 71 blocks.

Freshman setter Krista Grifoni (Peabody) was a second team selection and also was named the MASCAC Rookie of the Year. Grifoni compiled 407 assists for an average of 4.6 per game.

Five members of the Westfield State men's and women's conference champion cross country teams earned all-conference honors by placing in the top seven. They are: senior Geoff Churchill (6th place, Bridgewater), freshman Andy Messer (7th, Westfield), junior Heather Wenninger (2nd, Chicopee), senior Aimee Worcester (6th, Lakeville) and freshman Kim Grant (7th, East Sandwich).

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Owls enjoy dual titles

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FITCHBURG — The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both captured Mass. State Conference championships last Saturday at Fitchburg's Coggshall Park.

It was an impressive display of depth and "pack running" that gave the Owls the sweep. For the Westfield men, it was their fifth title in 10 years and their 18th championship overall in the meet's 33-year history. The Westfield women won for the first time since 2000, and it was their conference-leading 10th title in 20 years.

That was the best pack running I've seen since I've been here," said 10th year head coach Bob Rausch, "We knew if we stayed together that it would be tough to beat us. We executed our meet strategy perfectly."

The Westfield men had no runner place in the top five, but they still won the meet rather easily. The Owls totaled 41 points as their first six runners placed in the top 12.

Fitchburg State, second with 66 points, had the second and fifth finishers, but its No. 3 runner was 15th. Mass. Maritime, third with 71 points, had the No. 3 and 4 runners but its third-best runner finished 15.

"We actually thought the other teams would be closer," Rausch remarked. "But there was a big gap between their (Fitchburg, Mass Maritime) second and third runners. A big gap."

Salem State's Fabian Mejia defended his individual title with a time of 24:13 over the 4.8-mile course. Westfield's top finisher was senior Geoff Churchill (6th, 25:23), who earned all-conference honors for the fourth straight year.

"Geoff hurt his foot on Columbus Day (Oct. 11) and he just began working out on a regular basis last Thursday and Friday," said Rausch. "We were nervous if he would even finish the race."

Churchill was closely followed by identical twins Andy Messer (7th, 25:32) and John Messer (8th, 25:45). The Messer's are graduates of Westfield High School, and Andy Messer was the first freshman in the meet to cross the finish line.

Freshman Christopher Cuff of South Dennis was a pleasant surprise, according to Rausch, finishing ninth in 25:51. Senior Matt Frederick placed 11th (26:00), followed by sophomore Nathan Cristofori of Plymouth (12th, 26:05) and sophomore John Krzystofik of Chicopee (19th, 26:44).

In the women's meet, Westfield totaled 32 points to outpace Worcester State (43) and Bridgewater State (67). Worcester State had three of the top five runners, but its No. 4 runner finished 15th. Westfield, meanwhile, placed five in the top 10 and seven in the top 13.

Worcester State sophomore standout Olivia Patch defended her individual title with a time of 19:54 over the 3.1-mile course. Westfield State sophomore Heather Wenninger of Chicopee earned all-conference honors for the third consecutive year by placing second, trailing Patch by 16 seconds.

"Heather ran a good race," said Rausch. "In past races she had finished 45 seconds to a minute behind Patch."

Rausch also praised the performance of fifth-year senior Aimee Worcester (Lakeville), who earned all-conference honors by placing sixth in 21:44. The Owls' pack runners included: freshman Kim Grant of East Sandwich (7th, 22:24), junior Marissa Blume of Westwood (8th, 22:34), freshman Amanda Baker of Webster) (9th, 22:39), senior Christine Byrne of Sharon (11th, 23:01), and sophomore Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley (13th, 23:09).

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Freshmen John Messer (left) and Andy Messer (right) — identical twins who graduated from Westfield High School — are key members of the Westfield State College cross country team that captured the Mass. State Conference championship on Oct. 23. Andy Messer was the highest placing freshman in the seven-team meet, finishing seventh with a time of 25:32. John Messer placed eighth in 25:45. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College Sports Information Department)

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A pre-game ceremony was held Nov. 30 to commemorate the first basketball game played in Westfield's State College's new field house - the Woodward Center. Meeting at center court for a special presentation of the game ball were, left to right, Westfield State captains Vaso Jaukovic and James Ogbunize; Westfield State alumni Bob Farr ('55) and Don Farr ('57), and Williams College captains Jaris Cole, Michael Graham and Tucker Kain. The Farr brothers are Westfield residents, and Don Farr scored a game-high 29 points in the first game played in Westfield State's former homecourt - Parenzo Gym - in November of 1956. Williams College - which was the first New England college to win an NCAA Division 3 national championship (2003) and was national runner-up in 2004 - won the game, 73-57. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Westfield State College officials address the crowd in the newly dedicated Woodward Center during a ceremony Wednesday at the school. The Center was named after Frederick W. Woodward who retired last year as Westfield State College president. (Photo by Frederick Gore)

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Ceremony marks opening of Woodward Center

By DAVE CANTON PAGE ONE
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — After nearly 36 years of hoping and planning, Westfield State College has its own state-of-the-art athletic and academic facility, and yesterday college and community officials gathered to formally dedicate the building in the name of former college president, Frederick W. Woodward.

College Vice President for Facilities and Operation, Curt Robie noted that the original request for a new athletic building for the state college campus was filed in 1968, and the first plans drawn the next year. Robie said that in 1969, he was a high school senior, making out his application to attend the school and that his colleague, Barry Malone, vice president for external affairs, was just three years old.

"This has taken a long time," he said.

But the day belonged to former President Frederick W. Woodward, for whom the building is named. Woodward is credited with pushing the project through the state bureaucracy at a time when state colleges were not being singled out for such "luxuries."

State Sen. Michael R. Knapik, R-Westfield, said Woodward's work for the building provides the school a defining element.

"Fred Woodward did more for the prestige and provenance of this school than any other president," he said.

Woodward himself demurred.

"I feel like Obama Barack at the Democratic Convention. How unlikely is it for this building to be named for me," Woodward told the crowd of nearly 1,000 people at the dedication ceremony.

"It was very obvious from the beginning that the college needed a place for its 17 intercollegiate sports," Woodward said in an interview at yesterday's dedication ceremony.

"Before I became the president, I came to the campus and talked with students," he said. The unannounced, quiet visit was part of an

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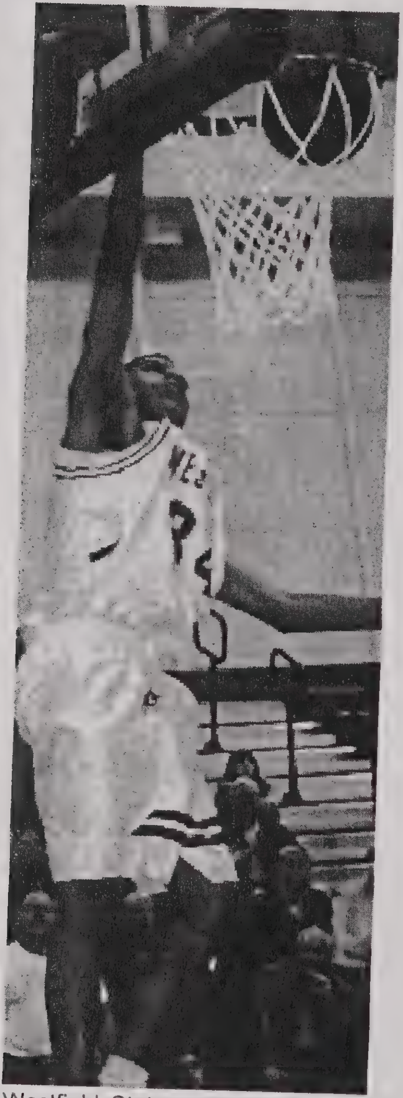
Williams Outscores Westfield, 73-57



Westfield State sophomore Ricky Ogboin christened the first game in the new field house with a slamdunk.
Photo By Mike Coughlin

WESTFIELD–Senior forward Tucker Kain (Hunting Valley, OH) scored a game-high 20 points and junior forward Andrew Newton (Whitinsville, MA) scored 18 to lead Williams College to a 73-57 victory over Westfield State College on Nov. 30.

Williams – the NCAA Division 3 runner-up last season and the national champions in 2003 - raised its record to 5-0 in winning the first basketball game played in Westfield State's new field house–the Woodward Center. The Owls dropped to 1-3 before a crowd of 750.

Westfield took an early 3-0 lead on a 3-point basket by Tony Collier, but Williams ran off 12 straight points for a 12-3 edge with 13:25 left in the first half. The Ephs tall frontline dominated the inside at the outset led by the 6-5 Kain and the 6-8 Newton.

Williams led 36-24 at halftime on the strength of its 57 percent shooting from the floor. Westfield closed to within nine points several times in the second half, but the Ephs responded with some key 3-point baskets and transition buckets.

Junior guard Bayete Gordon (Amherst, MA) led Westfield with 16 points and four assists. Collier collected 12 points and senior forward Vaso Jaukovic had 10 points and a game-high six steals.

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informal needs assessment he decided to undertake. "The students themselves said it was necessary."

The former athletic building was judged to be inadequate even for high school level sports, officials have said, but it was serving all of the college's sports programs as well as academic instruction.

At that same time the college was starting a high quality sports, leisure and movement studies program, but had no adequent facilities to house the department.

"We had an excellent program operating," Woodward said, "but they had no space for instruction, no space to offer a unique educational experience for the students. This building does that."

The facility is destined to accommodate several different sanctioned sports at one time, as well as academic classrooms, training areas and a fitness center within its 80,000 square feet. In addition, the large 35,000 square foot field house can double as a performance space for concerts and like events.

As much as getting the building completed was a feat, Woodward said the unique way the construction was funded now serves as a model for other state schools.

'We broke ground in public/private partnerships," he said. "We raised more money during our capital campaign that any other in this community's history."

Indeed, the Westfield State College Foundation raised nearly $3 million of the $18 million final price tag from the private sector in the community the building serves.

Mayor Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., reflected on the community's support of Westfield State College, support he said dates back to the very beginning.

"I think special thanks need to go out to Kevin Queenan and James Hagan (the president of the Westfield State College Foundation and his predecessor) and all the local concerns that raised more than $2 million to make this a reality. One hundred and fifty years ago Westfield residents used their own money to bring the college to the area because they realized the benefit of having an institution of higher learning in the community. Now, 150 years later the community has stepped forward again," he said.

Knapik noted a historical connection, too, except into the future.

"This building will benefit generations to come," he said. "It is a legacy to those who come behind us. They won't remember what was said here today, but they will remember what went on in this building."

Westfield Mayor Richard K. Sullivan Jr., left, and retired Westfield State College president Frederick W. Woodward enjoy a laugh outside the newly dedicated Woodward Center at Westfield State College Wednesday. **(Photo by Frederick Gore)**

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Headline: WSC dedicates the Woodward Center

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Westfield State College celebrated the opening of the new Woodward Center, an athletic and academic facility named after former **Westfield State College** President Dr. Frederick Woodward. Woodward (seen above) spoke during the dedication ceremony on Sept. 1. MetroWest Reminder photo by Michelle Kealey

WESTFIELD - After decades of hopes and potential plans for a new athletic center at **Westfield State College** (WSC), students faculty, administrators, public officials and members of the Westfield community celebrated the opening of the new state-of-the-art $18 million Woodward Center.

Curt Robie, vice president of Administration at WSC, said that the faculty and staff first entertained the thought of a new athletic center in 1968. The first plans were drawn in 1969.

The Woodward Center was named after Dr. Frederick W. Woodward, former president of **Westfield State College**, because of his efforts to make the new facility a reality.

Woodward attended the dedication ceremony and explained that his campaign to make a new facility possible began before he became president of the college in 1997.

He explained that had visited the college campus and spoke to students to gain a sense of what they felt and the steps they thought the college needed to take.

He said he then sat in Ely Hall and spoke to the students before walking the campus. "The need for a facility such as this became vivid and apparent," said Woodward.

He added that a wish and a dream of building a new facility is different that the reality of building one.

According to Woodward, he looked over the college's ten year master plan and saw that there were plans for two new buildings - a new academic building and a new gymnasium.

Woodward was able to change the master plan to combine the two projects into one.

He said that many times, a facility built in one campus looks similar to buildings built on others. But, Woodward said, "We had bigger and better ideas."

In addition to the efforts put forth by Woodward, the college launched its first ever capital campaign to raise money for the new athletic center and received support from the community.

"Together we built a campus second to none in Massachusetts or anywhere for that matter," said Woodward. "I am immensely proud."

Woodward sad that it was wonderful to be back on the WSC campus. He joked and ask how likely it was for someone to stand their while having a building dedicated in their name while still alive.

"I am really proud because it the Woodward Center will serve thousands of students for years and years to come," he said.

Kenneth Magarian, director of athletics for WSC, said, "So many people on this campus had a direct hand in this building. So many people for so long said this could never happen."

Magarian spoke about the dedication Woodward has to the facility from the beginning of his tenure at the college.

He said that Woodward was "this guy from New York" who in his first week on campus said the college must have an indoor facility.

He also said that after all of the plans were made, there was a potential roadblock in June of 2002 when Governor Mitt Romney sent a note that said all capital projects were put on hold and that maybe 40 percent of the planned projects would be funded.

Magarian said that with the help of the Department of Capital and Asset Management (DCAM), Woodward went to Boston and managed make sure WSC was on the list of 40 percent funded projects.

"I get to come here to work every afternoon," he said, about the new facility.

Dr. **Vicky Carwein**, president of WSC, said, that she hopes the dedication ceremony will be the "first of many opportunities for the community to see first hand what a wonderful source the college has become."

She added that the Woodward Center was made possible by the highly successful public and private collaborative. "Thank you all for sharing in our future," she said.

The Woodward Center serves both athletic and academic programs at the college. The movement science and sport and leisure studies programs have moved into the Woodward Center with new state-of-the-art equipment.

Dr. Carol Persson, chair and professor of movement science and sport and leisure studies, said, "Today is a dream come true, a magical reality."

She said that the opportunity to learn and the resources available in the new facility are second to none.

She added that she believes people will experience the "wow" factor when walking through the new building.

In addition to the excitement of the faculty and staff, many students were glad to walk through the doors of the Woodward Center for the first time.

Jay Jeffery, a WSC senior and soccer player, said, "It is a great opportunity for athletes as well as the whole student body to utilize the facility and to use it at its maximum capacity."

He added that, although he is a senior, opening a new facility now is better than never.

Tara McDonough, also a senior and soccer player, said that the new building will give a lot of athletes the opportunity to show their talents in a state-of-the-art facility. She added that it will be good for the fans because they will have the opportunity to see their friends and family members play in a nice facility where they can all fit.

Katie O'Brien, senior and soccer player, said "It's a great facility to have and its about time we have one."

She added that the college has great athletic teams with dedicated athletes and who will be able to show their level of dedication in the new facility.

The Woodward Center is a 80,000 square foot facility with a number of features including:

* An indoor track and field area..

* A wood court for basketball and volleyball.

* Two synthetic courts for tennis, basketball, volleyball and badminton.

* A 32-foot climbing wall.

* Baseball and Softball batting nets/cages.

* Locker rooms for home and visiting teams.

* Athletic training center.

* Classrooms.

* Dance and aerobic studio.

* Conference rooms.

* Student lounge.

* Multi-media lab and library and more.

In addition to use by members of the college community, the new facility can be used by members of the Westfield community and local organizations.

The Woodward Center will be open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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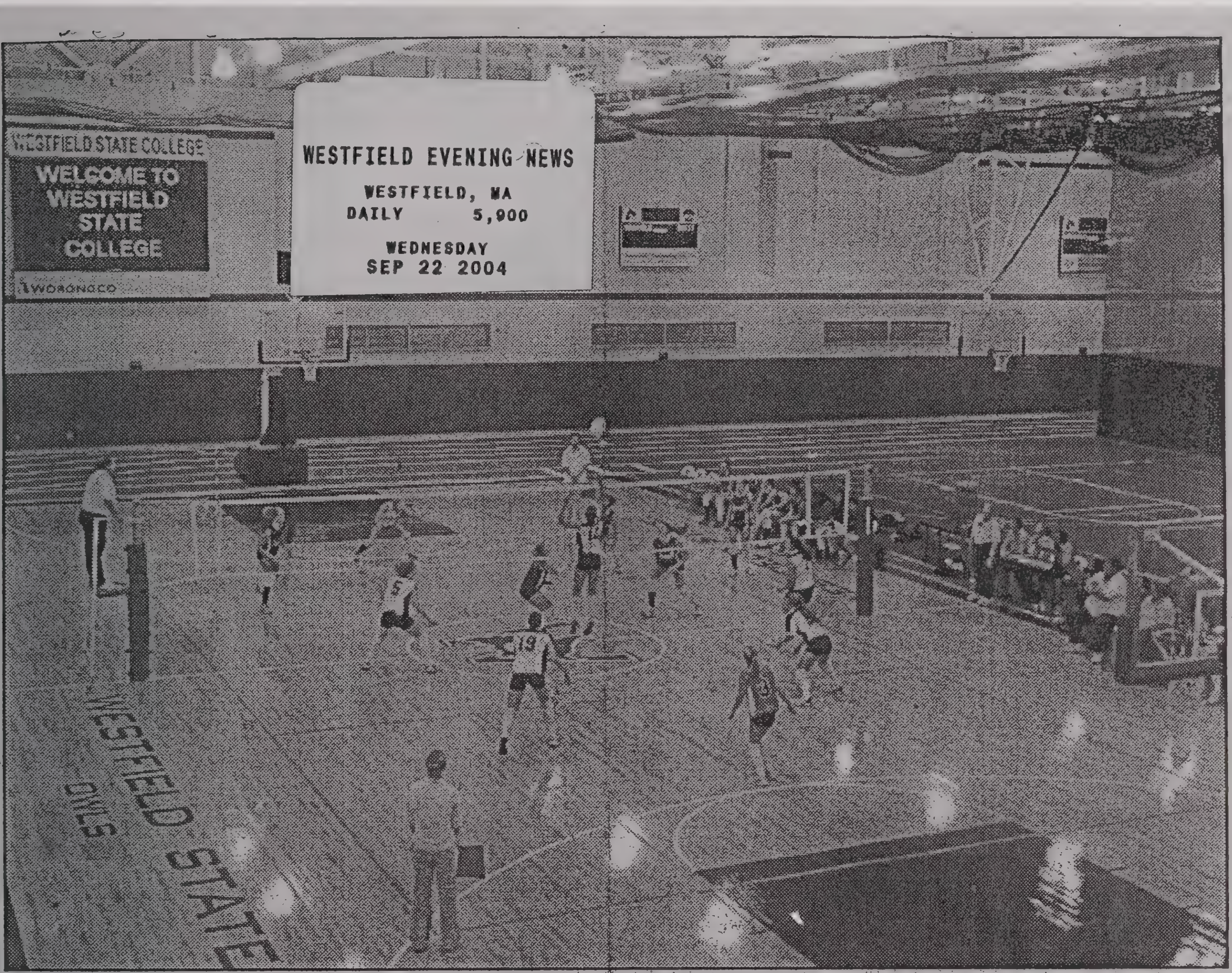
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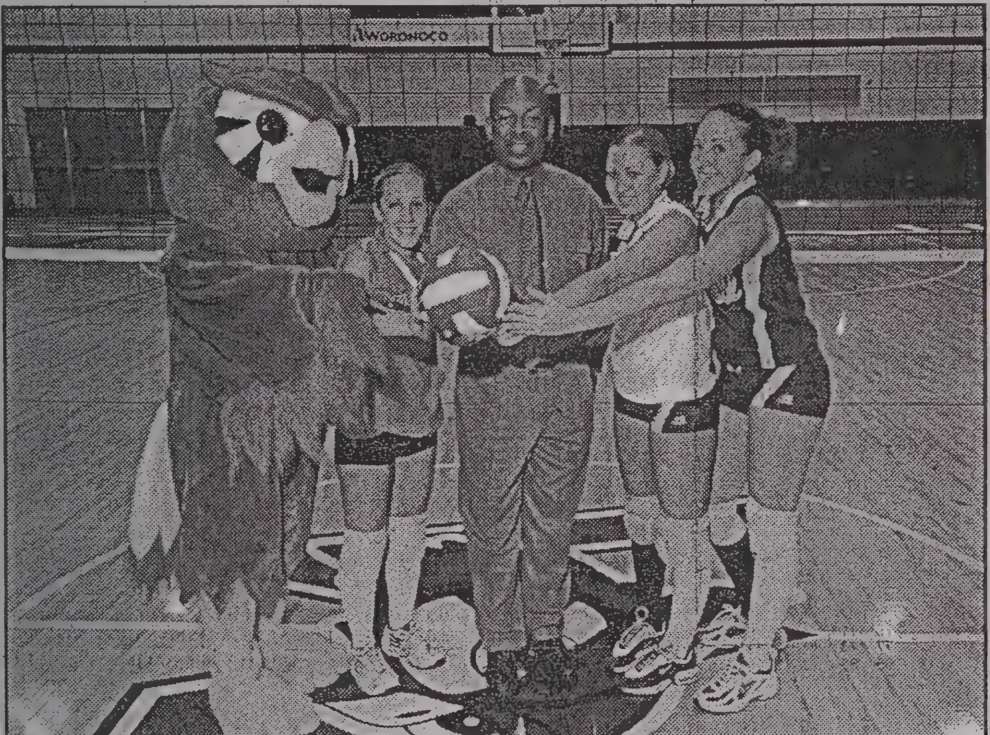

It's a hit

A pre-game ceremony was held to commemorate the first varsity game in the field house of Westfield State College's Woodward Center on Thursday, Sept. 16, when the Owls hosted Lasell College in a volleyball match. Above, the players are a hit, or rather, they are setting the stage for a grand beginning. At left, pictured from left to right, are: Nestor, the Owl mascot, Westfield State senior captain Amy Svatik, Dr. Arthur Jackson, WSC vice-president of student-affairs, and Lasell College co-captains Wendy Riddle and Angele Lavoie. The 80,000-square-foot academic/athletic building was officially dedicated on Sept. 1, 2004. (Photo by David Harris-Fried/Westfield State College)

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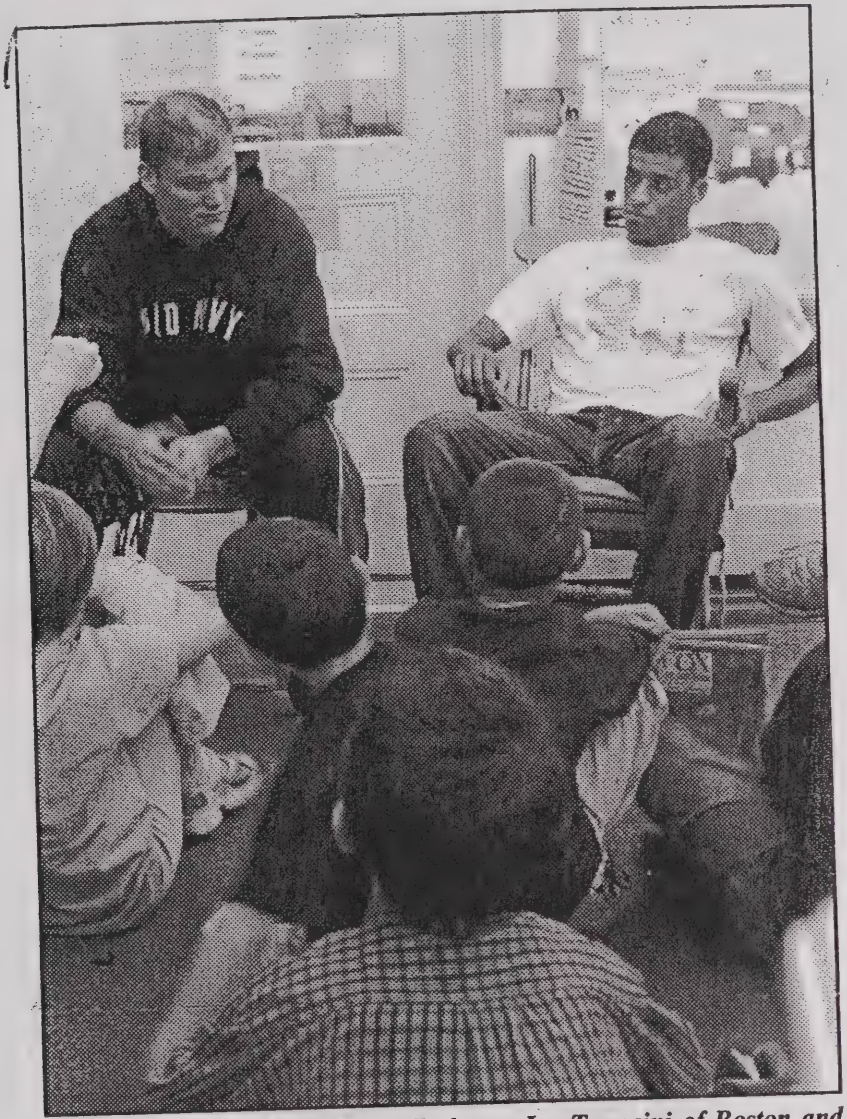
Westfield State College basketball players Joe Tomasini of Boston and Tony Collier of Westfield chat with the fifth grade students at Abner Gibbs Elementary School Tuesday as part of a college community service project. **(Photo by Frederick Gore)**

Basketball players score big with kids

By AIMEE WINCHELL
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – Students at Abner Gibbs Elementary School were visited by the men's basketball team from Westfield State College yesterday, and were given the opportunity to discuss their hopes and dreams of the future with people they look to as "heroes."

Principal Margaret Adams said the third and fourth grade students and one fifth grade class were "all abuzz" when they found out they were going to meet and talk with the basketball team.

"Our boys and girls look up to them as heroes," said Adams. "And it's great to be able to bring that dimension to the class room."

Adams said that the basketball players split up into pairs for a question and answer session followed by a book reading.

Steve Martins, a 2003 Westfield Vocational-Technical High School graduate and sophomore at WSC, was one of the team members who cheerfully led Elaine Lees' fourth graders in a discussion.

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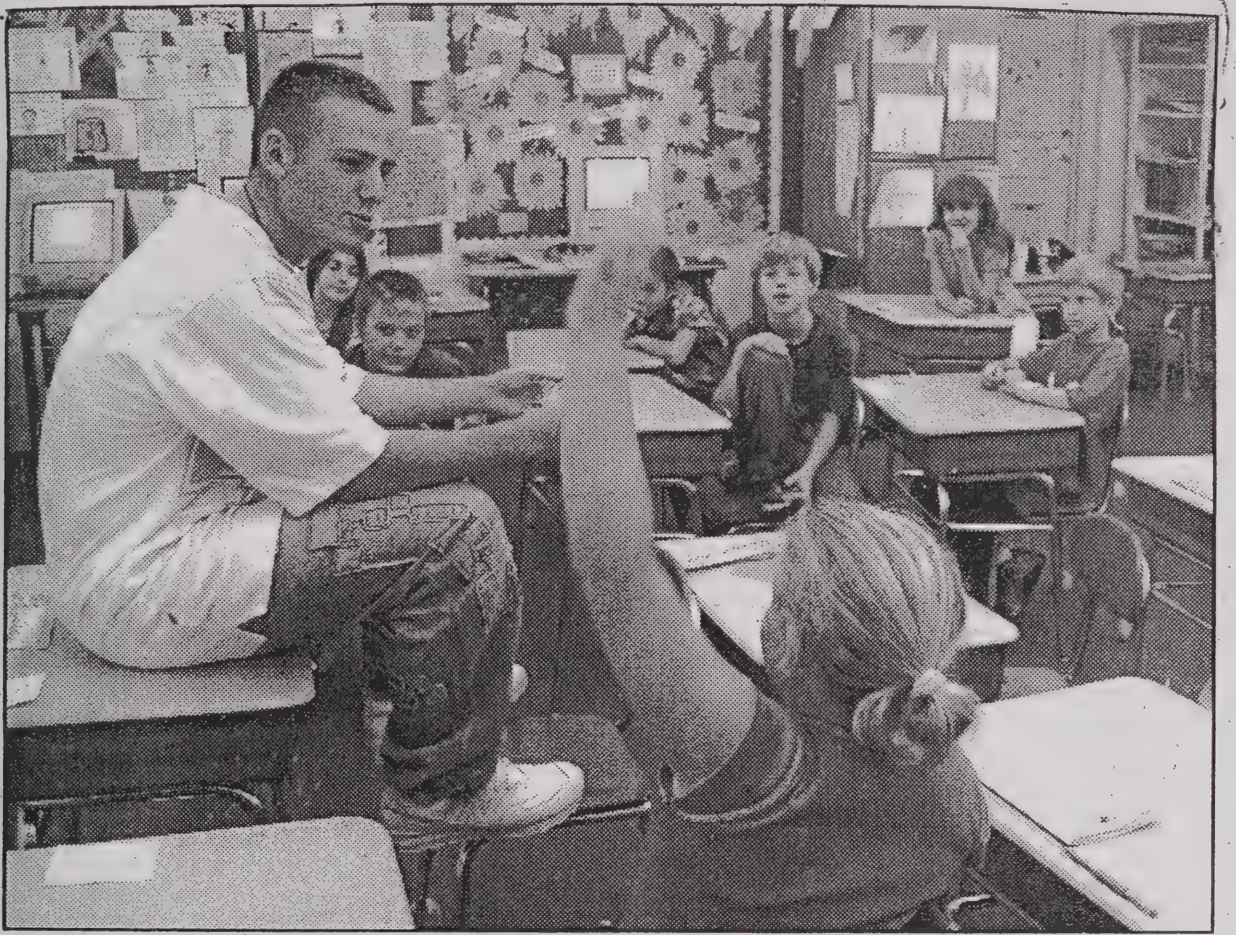

Westfield Vocational-Technical High School graduate Steve Martins explains his position on the Westfield State College basketball team during a visit to the fourth grade students at Abner Gibbs Elementary School. (Photo by Frederick Gore)

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"It's fun and I like working with kids," said Martins. "It's good to give back to the community, especially because I'm from here."

Martins, who started playing ball in the third grade, said that the goal of the team visiting Abner Gibbs was to let the students know what's available to them for the future.

"We wanted to have fun with the kids, answer any questions they had about Westfield State or any college, and let them know reading is important," he said. "We also let them know that sports can be important, but academics are just as important."

Lees was happy to host the basketball players in her classroom and predicted positive results from their visit.

"This is a very positive involvement and the students were eager to participate," she said. "They get to share their thoughts, hopes and dreams about their future regarding sports or basketball."

The basketball team's coach, Rich Sutter, said that the visit to Abner Gibbs isn't the first or last time the team will be donating their time to a surrounding school.

"This is really positive for both sides," said Sutter. "The kids from the school get a lot out of it, but I think our guys get even more from it. This is the first school this year we have visited, but we plan to go to several others."

Sutter explained that it's important to the team to build a good relationship with the schools within the community.

"We want to establish a stronger town and gown relationship," he said. "It's also important for the guys to learn the value of giving back to the community."

After spending time in the classrooms, the eight basketball players handed out free admission tickets to each student to attend their season games which start on Oct. 15.

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Laviolette was a two-time U.S. Olympian as a player and has coached the New York Islanders and now, the Carolina Hurricanes.

Hockey won't let Laviolette go

By John McGourty | NHL.com
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When he entered Westfield (Mass.) State College, Carolina Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette thought he'd indulge himself in his relatively newly found love for hockey while preparing himself for a career in restaurant management. But hockey wouldn't let go.

When did you begin to think about a coaching career?

"I've never mapped out a hockey career," Laviolette said. "I think a lot of good New England players attend prep school, move on to a Division I college on scholarship and get drafted. My journey has been quite different which makes it unique, not your typical story.

"I went to Franklin High School and matured late as a player. Our team was pretty good for a public high school, but no scholarships came my way. More than anything, I wanted to go to school and get a degree in business. When I went to Westfield State, more and more, I craved hockey and realized hockey was something I wanted to do. But I was playing Division III and didn't think much would come of it.

"After college, things just unfolded for me, a tryout here and an Olympic camp there and I was able to carve out a living for 11 years playing hockey. I never planned it, though," Laviolette continued. "The same can be said for coaching. When I was playing, I didn't think a lot about coaching. I thought hockey would end someday and I would get into a business career. Restaurant chains have always intrigued me."

What people say about Laviolette

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Laviolette played 11 seasons of professional hockey, mostly in the AHL and IHL, including 12 games with the New York Rangers during the 1988-89 season. He was a member of the 1988 and 1994 U.S. Olympic hockey teams, and captained the 1994 Olympic squad. His 1994 coach, longtime Yale head coach Tim Taylor, remembers a conversation he had with his captain about life after hockey.

"We had a very young team and Peter was one of a handful of veterans on the team," Taylor said. "He had a lot of leadership qualities and was a great kid in the locker room and on the ice at practice. He was coachable, energetic and enthusiastic, all the good things you want in a player.

"I felt when I was coaching him, that he would turn into a great coach if he chose to go in the that direction. I talked to him during the Games and after, but coaching wasn't on his list coming out of the 1994 Olympics. He was talking about opening a chain of restaurants, primarily featuring salads. I couldn't believe he could turn his back on the game and go on a different career path.

"I felt he would be a great coach," Taylor continued. "He had the personality traits that would be desirable. I was glad to see him get in the Boston Bruins organization and coach at Providence. I get reports back from a lot of ex-college kids who play in the AHL and everybody said what a great guy Peter is to play for and what a great job he did. It was only a matter of time before he got his chance."

What changed your mind about coaching?

"After the Olympics, I played a couple of years for the Providence Bruins and coach Bobby Francis asked me if I would be interested in being player-assistant coach the next year. Honestly, I thought that would keep me playing a few more years. He asked me if I had a passion for coaching and I said I had no idea, but I know I love coming to the rink. Boston had quite a few of our players up there and I was playing a lot until I broke my leg. Then, Boston sent down four defensemen so the timing was good. Bobby went up to be Pat Burns' assistant in Boston and while I would have liked to have had the head coaching job, I didn't get much of a look. So, I went to Wheeling in the ECHL, put a team together and we did well. The Providence job opened the next year and I had some success there and moved up to assistant in Boston. There was some talk of me getting the head-coaching position, but it didn't happen and then Mike Millbury called and I would up in Long Island."

Which of your coaches had the greatest influence?

"I've taken bits and pieces from everyone," Laviolette said. "You are who you are and you get a lot from your family and your upbringing. I give a lot of credit to my parents. If it weren't for Bobby Francis, I know I wouldn't be here. I was in his office all the time. I learned about preparation, organization and motivation. Things you would need to be successful. With Bobby, our personalities are similar and I think it would be tougher to learn from somebody with whom you're not compatible. I learned a lot just watching how he handled people. Tim Taylor

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is an excellent hockey man and very knowledgeable about the game. The most competitive and fiery coach I ever had was Bob Luccini, my high-school coach. He had this unquenchable thirst for success and winning and he instilled that in me at a young age."

Which Carolina player is ready for a breakout season?

"I think that's why our organization made the move to get Martin Gerber. That's always a good pace to start. If someone is having a breakout year, it would be great if it's the goalie. We have a young team, so there are a couple of players who could break out. Josef Vasicek is a good player and our leading scorer last year, but he could take the next step this year. Eric Staal is still a prospect, but he was a good player in his rookie year. I think there's a good chance he could take the next step like Rick Nash did. Erik Cole has been a good player. Here's a chance for him to be a great player. So, we have a few players in that category."

Which prospect excites you the most?

"Cam Ward, the goaltender from Red Deer. He was the Canadian Goaltender of the year, the MVP last year of the Western Hockey League and twice the WHL goalie of the year. He's going to start in Lowell (AHL) and get in some games. When we think he's ready, we'll bring him up to the NHL. Everything that's said about him has been positive. The kid we drafted this year, Andrew Ladd, is pretty intriguing. He tested as strong as anyone on our team and he's only 18. He's a fit kid who might be physically able to handle the NHL this year."

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WESTFIELD – Westfield State College celebrated yesterday the opening of its $18 million Woodward Center, an athletic and academic facility described by its namesake as "second to none in Massachusetts or, for that matter, anywhere."

Former President Frederick W. Woodward, speaking at yesterday's dedication ceremony, said he was extremely pleased with the way the spacious, light-filled facility turned out.

"I am proud of this new facility, and I am proud because students will use this for years and years to come," Woodward said.

Woodward's successor, Vicky L. Carwein, said the center represents a new era of collaboration between the college and the community. "What you see here today is the result of a successful public-private partnership," she said.

Carwein and others praised Woodward's unwavering dedication to the center and the innumerable hours he spent on Beacon Hill lobbying for its fruition.

The 80,000-square-foot center features a 35,000-square-foot field house, large enough to hold an official NCAA track and field meet.

It also boasts three full-length basketball courts, with the main performance court providing seating for 1,100, far surpassing the maximum of 250 spectators

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at the existing athletic center, which was built in the 1950s.

A number of students who attended yesterday's dedication said the Woodward Center was the reason they decided to attend Westfield State.

"I chose this school because of it," said sophomore Elizabeth Morin, a movement science major from Enfield, Conn. "I am very, very impressed."

Older students were clearly wishful that it could have been there for the bulk of their time at the college.

"It's pretty good," said senior Mathew J. Stone of Natick, captain of the hockey club. "I wish it was here three years ago."

Attendees included Holyoke natives Donald W. and Robert A. Farr, who played in the former athletic center when it was new in 1956.

"This is quite something now," said Donald Farr, class of 1957.

"I couldn't have imagined anything like this," said Robert Farr, class of 1955.

Both brothers, now Westfield residents, served as captains of Westfield State's basketball team.

The facility includes a rock climbing area, athletic training and strength and conditioning rooms. The second floor includes a student lounge, aerobics/dance studio, four classrooms as well as exercise physiology, biomechanics and motor learning laboratories.

Also, a multi-media computer lab, conference rooms, a Hall of Fame display area and office space for the college's athletics and movement science departments.

State funding covered $9.5 million of the construction costs, with college funds and a community-wide capital campaign, Access to Excellence, paying for the balance. The campaign, conducted by the Westfield State College Foundation surpassed its fund-raising goal by $70,000, reaching $2.37 million.

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Meczywor sets record in Westfield State win

CASTINE, Me. — Senior quarterback Jon Meczywor (Lanesboro, Mass.) completed a school record 25 passes and threw for 298 yards and a touchdown to lead Westfield State to a 17-14 victory over Maine Maritime Academy in New England Football Conference action Saturday.

The victory improved Westfield's record to 5-3 and assured the Owls of their fourth straight winning season. Maine Maritime, which upset Worcester State last week, falls to 2-6.

Meczywor played well despite being sidelined for the past two weeks with an injury. And it was a homecoming of sorts for the 6-5, 225-pound signal caller who played his first three years at the University of Maine in nearby Orono.

Meczywor's 25 completions are three more than the previous record of 22 set by Chris Lapointe last season. He attempted 42 passes, six shy of Lapointe's single-game record of 48 attempts.

Junior wide receiver B.J. Holleran (Quincy) had a monster game for the Owls with 12 catches for 139 yards; the receptions were one shy of the single-game school record of 13 catches by Matt Yvon in 2001.

Maine Maritime, which racked up 269 rushing yards on 54 carries in its option offense, quickly took a 7-0 lead 50 seconds into the game. The Mariners marched 81 yards in three plays, with quarterback Patrick Bard — who had a game-high 103 yards rushing on 26 carries — scoring on a two-yard run. The big play in the opening drive was a 68-yard run by Scott Lasse to the two-yard line.

Westfield took the ensuing kickoff and marched 71 yards in 10 plays, with junior fullback Mark Puchalski scoring from one yard out. The Owls took a 14-7 lead with 1:17 left in the first quarter on an 11-yard touchdown reception by senior David Trueira.

The Mariners tied the score, 14-14, with 2:12 left in the first half, as Chelsea Allen's five-yard run capped a 5-play, 39-yard drive.

The Owls scored the game-winning points with 9:44 remaining in the third quarter on freshman Garret Davis' (Belchertown) 37-yard field goal that capped a 7-play, 23-yard drive.

The Owls were able to contain the Mariners' option offense by recovering four fumbles, including a fumble at their own 34-yard line with 2:24 remaining in the contest.

Junior linebacker Jim Fennelly led Westfield with 13 tackles, including 12 solo stops.

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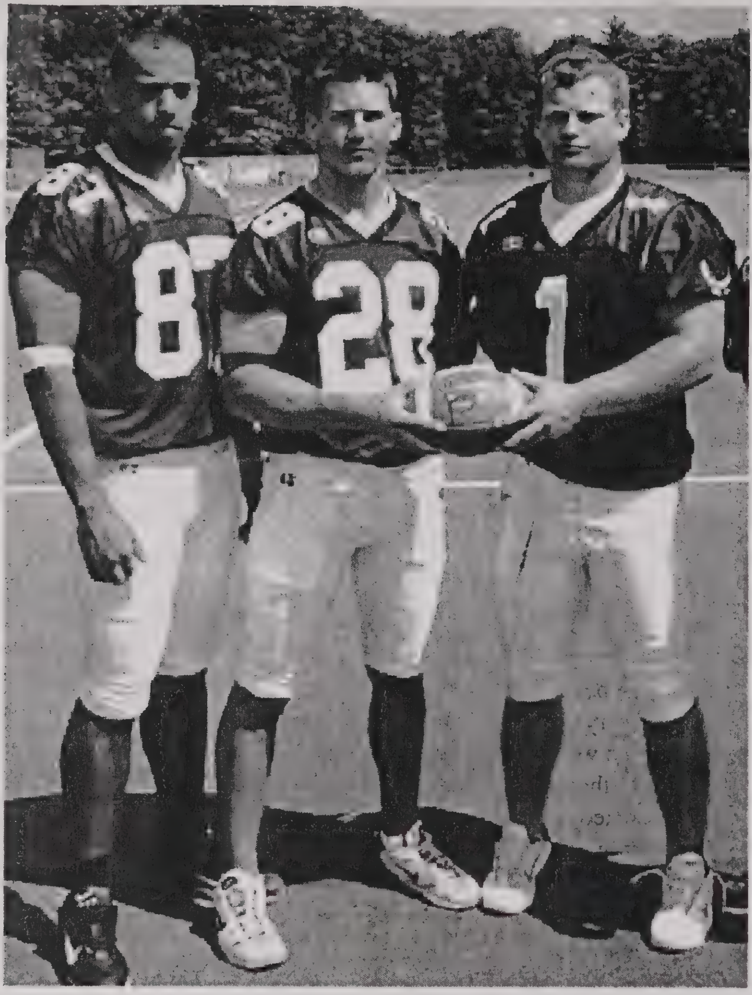

Westfield State seniors Jessie Holmes, left, and Matt Wooliver, right, were New England Football Conference first team all-conference selections. Senior David Trueira, middle, was second team all-conference and also received the Hal Chalmers Award as the top scholar-athlete in the NEFC. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

This Week's Home Schedule

Wednesday, December 8
Swimming vs. Eastern Conn., 7:00

Thursday, December. 9
Men's Basketball vs. Albertus Magnus, 7:00

Saturday, December 11
Women's Basketball vs. Newbury, 1:00

Owls Named All NEFC In Football

Six Westfield State football players were named to the New England Football Conference (NEFC) All-Conference teams for the 2004 season.

First team selections were senior defensive end Jessie Holmes (Springfield), senior linebacker Matt Wooliver (Lanesboro) and junior punter Mark Puchalski (Whatley). The Owls again led the NEFC in total defense.

Wooliver ranked second on the team with 57 tackles, including 35 solo stops, 11 tackles for losses and two sacks. Holmes finished with 33 tackles, including 11 tackles for losses and four sacks.
Holmes set a school record during his junior season with 14 sacks when he was an All-East Region all-star. Puchalski punted 46 times for a 38.1 average. The 6-2, 230 pounder also was an honorable mention all-conference selection at running back. He rushed for 372 yards and caught 18 passes for 229 yards from his fullback position.

Second team all-conference selections for the Owls were junior defensive back Jay Abair (Ludlow), senior quarterback Jon Meczywor (Lanesboro) and senior wide receiver David Trueira (Wilmington).

Abair led the Owls with four interceptions and posted 15 tackles and three pass breakups. Meczywor – a senior transfer from the University of Maine – earned all-conference honors despite being sidelined two games with an injury. The 6-5, 225 pounder completed 113 of 222 passes for 1,425 yards and eight touchdowns. He also had 128 net yards rushing.

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WSC hosts hockey

Westfield State College will play host to the NCAA Division lll Field Hockey National Championship Nov. 19 and 20.

The championship will feature the top four Division III field hockey colleges in the nation. Westfield State hosted the original championship in 1981.

"We are thrilled and honored," said Nancy Bals, assistant athletic director said. "It is a great event for the college and the community and will bring a large number of people to the area."

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students for both days and $7 for adults and $4 for students for one day. Youth group rates are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (413) 572-5405.

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Westfield State Varsity Sports Fall Banquet

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Scanlon Banquet Hall

Salisbury University of Maryland celebrates after defeating Middlebury College, 6-3, in the NCAA Division 3 field hockey championship game that was hosted by Westfield State College on Saturday, Nov. 20. NCAA Division 3 records were set for most goals scored in the exciting championship game. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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FIELD HOCKEY

WSC to host championships

The NCAA Division III field hockey championships will be held at Westfield State College's Alumni Field on Nov. 19-20. The semfinals games are at 2 and 5 p.m. on Nov. 19, and the championships game will be played at 3 p.m. on Nov. 20. In addition, the National Field Hockey Coaches Association will hold an all-star game on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m.

Helping to promote the event recently were assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, field hockey senior players Laura Scott and Kendra Newell, and field hockey head coach Heather Cabral.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 413-572-5405. Ticket prices are $10 for adults and $6 for students for a two-day pass and $7 for adults and $4 for students for one day. Youth groups rates are available.

The championship will feature the top four Division III field hockey teams in the nation. Westfield State hosted the first championship game in 1981.

"We are thrilled and honored to host this event. It is a great event for the college and the community," said Bals. "The level of competition and the excitement of the games will surpass the expectations of many,"

Additional information is available through the college's Web site www.wsc.ma.edu/athletics/ncaad3fh.htm

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Helping to promote the upcoming NCAA Division III field hockey championships are: from left to right, Westfield State College assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, field hockey senior players Laura Scott and Kendra Newell, and field hockey head coach Heather Cabral. **(Photo courtesy of Westfield State College Sports Information Department)**

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Westfield State College President Vicky Carwein presents the Mass. State Conference men's and women's cross country teams' conference championship plaques to head coach Bob Rausch at last Tuesday's fall sports banquet.

Massachusetts State Conference Smith Cup Standings (Following Fall Sports)

Place	College	Points
1.	Worcester State	15
2.	Westfield State	14
3.	Bridgewater State	13
4.	Framingham State	11
5.	Fitchburg State	9
6.	Mass. Maritime	5
7.	Salem State	5
8.	Mass. College	0

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All-conference honors awarded

Twenty-two Westfield State College athletes representing six fall sports teams earned all-conference honors for their outstanding efforts this past season.

Heading the list of honorees were six members of the field hockey team, which was co-champion of the Mass. State Conference with Framingham State. It was the fourth conference crown in the past six seasons for the Owls, who rebounded from last season's 3-13 record to finish with an overall record of 11-6.

Directing the turnaround was sixth-year head coach Heather Cabral, who was selected the MASCAC Coach of the Year for the third time; she also was honored in 1999 and 2000.

Two Westfield field hockey players gained special recognition; sophomore midfielder Kate Anderson (Georgetown) was named MASCAC co-Player of the Year and sophomore forward Shanna Litterst (Falmouth) was selected conference Rookie of the Year in both the MASCAC and Little East Conference.

Anderson had six goals and nine assists, two shy of the school record. Litterst totaled a team-high 13 goals and five assists in her first year of collegiate field hockey.

Both Anderson and Litterst were first team all-conference selections along with junior midfielder Ashley Brogan (Spencer), who also was a first teamer in 2003. Selected to the second team were sophomore back Missy Alcorn (Waltham) and senior forward Laura Scott (Mansfield).

Earning all-conference field hockey honors in the 11-team Little East Conference were first-team selections Anderson and Litterst, and senior goalie Kendra Newell (Groveland), who was a second team pick.

In soccer, four Westfield State men and four women were accorded all-conference status. First team picks in men's soccer were junior midfielder Ray Cheria (Ludlow), senior midfielder Jeff Whittaker (Southwick) and sophomore forward Dave Nalewanski (Easthampton), who posted team highs of six goals and four assists. Senior back Jay Jeffrey (Bangor, ME) was a second team selection.

In women's soccer, senior goalie Natalia Araskiewicz (Framingham) and senior back Liz Rosales (Belmont) were first team all-conference. Named to the second team were senior midfielder Tara McDonough (Palmer) and sophomore forward Kate McMillan (Belchertown), who scored a team-high five goals.

In women's volleyball, senior libero Amy Svatik (Stratford, CT) and junior outside hitter Lindsay Dalene (East Hartland, CT) were first team all-conference. Svatik totaled 543 digs for an average of 6.3 per game. Dalene led the Owls with 248 kills, 36 service aces and 71 blocks.

Freshman setter Krista Grifoni (Peabody) was a second team selection and also was named the MASCAC Rookie of the Year. Grifoni compiled 407 assists for an average of 4.6 per game.

Five members of the Westfield State men's and women's conference champion cross country teams earned all-conference honors by placing in the top seven. They are: senior Geoff Churchill (6th place, Bridgewater), freshman Andy Messer (7th, Westfield), junior Heather Wenninger (2nd, Chicopee), senior Aimee Worcester (6th, Lakeville) and freshman Kim Grant (7th, East Sandwich).

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The four 4-year members of the Westfield State field hockey team were honored at the Westfield State College fall sports banquet last Tuesday. From left to right, are: Kendra Newell, head coach Heather Cabral, Maryann Kinney, Laura Scott, President Vicky Carwein, and Sadie Driscoll. The field hockey team captured the conference championship and Cabral was named the conference Coach of the Year. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Westfield Women Also Fall In OT

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Freshman forward Matia Kostakis (Andover, MA) had 23 points and 16 rebounds while junior center Katie Latham contributed 12 points and 12 rebounds as Amherst College held on for a 76-72 overtime win over Westfield State College in the opening round of the Pioneer Valley Women's Hoop Classic.

Junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown, MA) scored 19 points as Westfield State (2-2) had four players scoring in double figures. Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield, MA) had a double double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore forward Kristen Strole (Agawam, MA) had 14 points while freshman guard Kyana Zavala (Springfield, MA) had 11 points.

Westfield had a chance to win the game in regulation when with 2/10ths of a second remaining McCarthy made the first free throw to tie the game at 66-66 before missing the second shot that sent the contest into overtime.

WNEC Women 64 - Westfield 52

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Junior center Lisa Masella (Newtown, CT) had a double double with 13 points and 19 rebounds - the 23rd of her career - to lead host Western New England College to a 64-52 win over Westfield State College in the third annual Pioneer Valley Women's Hoop Classic.

WNEC, which led 40-25 at half-time, never trailed in the game.

Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield, MA) led the Owls (2-3) with a double double of 14 points and 15 rebounds. Sophomore guard Sarah Langner (New Hartford, CT) came off the bench to score 11 points.

MEN'S GAME

Springfield 81 – Westfield 67

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Tournament MVP Derek Yvon (East Longmeadow) poured in 28 points to lead Springfield College to an 81-67 victory over Westfield State College in the Pioneer Valley Men's Hoop Classic on Dec. 4.

Springfield improved to 5-1 while Westfield dropped to 1-5.

Yvon, who canned the game-winning free throws in Friday's 60-58 victory over Western New England College, scored six straight points in a one-minute span as Springfield built its lead to 12, 79-67, with 45 seconds left in the game. The 6-3 guard-forward also finished with three assists and three steals.

Springfield jumped out to an early 10-2 lead, but Westfield battled back for a lead of 22-20 with seven minutes remaining in the first half. The Pride regained the lead at half-time, 33-30, and never trailed in the second half.

All-Tournament team member Joel Aponte (Windsor, Conn.) had a fine game for Springfield with 18 points. Westfield was led by all-tourney selection Bayete Gordon (Amherst, Mass.) with 19 points and four steals. Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic had 13 points and nine rebounds.

Westfield State concludes its first semester schedule when it hosts Purchase, N.Y. College Dec. 18.

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Stallings buzzer-beater lifts ECSU men to championship

WILLIMANTIC — First-year junior guard Michael Stallings scored on an off-balance bank shot at the horn to end the third and final overtime session and give the Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team a 116-114 victory over Westfield State College Saturday afternoon in the championship game of the Nancy K. Sulinski Memorial Basketball Tournament at Geissler Gym.

The game was the longest and involved the most points in the 25-year history of Eastern's annual men's and women's basketball tournament and the win gives Eastern (2-0) its seventh title overall, second in a row. Eastern had last won consecutive championships in 1987 and 1988.

Westfield State tied the game at 80-all and forced the first overtime on a bucket by sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin with 1.4 seconds left in regulation, then tied the game at 90-all and forced a second overtime when sophomore forward Dan Holbrook grabbed an offensive rebound and scored with 12 seconds left.

Stallings tied the game at 101-all at the end of the second overtime when he scored on a driving layup with three seconds left. A basket by Eastern freshman forward Saliym Wilson with 20 seconds to go gave Eastern a 114-111 lead in the third overtime.

The Owls (1-1) pulled to within 114-112 on a free throw by junior guard Bayete Gordon with 18 seconds left and, after Eastern turned the ball over with 15.5 seconds remaining, Westfield tied the game on a basket by senior forward Vaso Jaukovic with 13 seconds remaining.

On their final possession, the Warriors went the length of the floor and Stallings dropped in a twisting bank shot from the left of the key as time expired for the winning points.

Five Eastern players (4 starters) and two Westfield State players fouled out in a game which featured 66 fouls and 86 free throw attempts. Although only one started, first-year players contributed 69 points.

The Owls, making their first appearance in the finals in their fifth time in the tournament, scored 41 points from the free throw line, hitting 73.2 percent of their 56 attempts. Gordon was 10-for-11 and freshman guard Tony Collier 11-for-14.

Eastern senior forward Jeroy Smith was 7-for-9 from the stripe and sophomore guard Matt Albon 5-for-6.

Eastern guard Shiwon Davis became only the second freshman and first since Eastern's Gary Wooten in 1981 to gain the tournament's most outstanding player honors.

Despite fouling out seconds into the first overtime, Davis finished with a team-high 21 points (8-for-11 from the floor), scoring all but six of his points after halftime.

He was joined on the All-Tournament team by teammates Stallings and Smith, Gordon and Jaukovic of Westfield State and senior forward Steve Monteiro of Saint Joseph (Maine) College.

Stallings and Smith were among six Eastern players to reach double figures against Westfield State. Stallings came off the bench to score 19 points (9-for-17 from the floor).

Smith, who shared last year's most outstanding player award, had 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds in the final before leaving with his fifth personal foul with 23.6 seconds left in the second overtime.

Eastern's final point total was its highest since defeating Westfield State 116-89 on an. 12, 1972 on its previous home court — Windham high School.

In Friday's come-from-behind 64-59 win over Saint Joseph's, Davis had seven points and four assists — scoring five of his points to give Eastern the lead for good late in the game.

Smith had 12 points and nine rebounds in the first-round win and Stallings added seven points.

Saint Joseph (1-1) won the consolation game over Newbury College (0-2), 65-44. Monteiro led all players with 20 points (9-for-12 from the floor) while freshman forward Walky Maglorie led Newbury College with 19 points (6-for-9 from the floor).

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Amherst Outlasts Owls In OT, 87-82

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior forward Andrew Schiel scored 28 points to lead Amherst College to an 87-82 comeback overtime victory over Westfield State in first night action of the Pioneer Valley Men's Hoop Classic. Springfield College held off Western New England College, 60-58, in the other first round game.

Amherst, ranked eighth nationally by d3hoops.com, improved to 4-0 as it rallied from an 18-point second-half deficit to survive Westfield State's (1-4) major upset bid.

The Lord Jeffs sent the game into overtime at 72-all when senior guard Russell Lee drained a wide open 3-point basket from the top of the key with 13 seconds remaining in regulation.

Amherst took the lead for good in the overtime on a 3-pointer by the 6-7, 235 pound Schiel with 4:27 remaining. The Owls closed to within a point, 81-80, on a jumper by Bayete Gordon with 1:14 remaining. But Amherst nailed another 3-pointer (by John Casnocha) for an 84-80 lead with 58 seconds remaining.

Westfield took a 35-25 halftime lead as the cold-shooting Lord Jeffs shot 30 percent from the field. The Owls expanded the lead to 18 points, 55-37 with 13:12 remaining in the second half, by pressuring Amherst into numerous turnovers. But the Lord Jeffs battled back to tie the game at 67-all with 3:53 remaining with some strong inside play and 3-point shooting.

Amherst was 9-for-25 from beyond the arc, including 6-14 in the final 25 minutes. Amherst's depth was evident with seven players making 3-point baskets. Westfield, meanwhile, made only one 3-pointer in five attempts the entire game.

The Owls' balanced attack was led by Gordon, a speedy 5-7 junior point guard. The former Amherst Regional High School standout finished with 23 points, four assists and three steals. Also scoring in double figures for Westfield were junior forward Mike Jurkowski of Belchertown, senior forward Vaso Jaukovic (16) and sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon (13).

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Area stars shone this fall

COLLEGE NOTES

JOHN GARNER Jr.

It was a banner autumn season for several local intercollegiate student-athletes who were honored for their prowess, both on and off the playing fields, by their institutions and playing conferences.

Field hockey

Sophomore forward **Shanna Litterst** (Falmouth) of Westfield State (11-6) was selected conference Rookie of the Year in both the MASCAC and Little East Conference. Litterst totaled a team-leading 13 goals and five assists in her first year of collegiate field hockey and was a first team all-conference selection in both leagues.

Nichole Gomes (Harwich) of Worcester State joins Litterst on the All-MASCAC First Team. She is a freshman goalie who led the Lancers to an 11-8 record, including six shutout victories. Worcester lost to Plymouth State in the ECAC Division III Tournament.

Named to the Northeast-10 Field Hockey All-Academic Team was **Joanna DaLuze** (Harwich) of UMass-Lowell. The junior midfielder attained a 3.58 GPA while majoring in exercise physiology.

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Chapin leads Owls to victory

HARTFORD, Conn. — Junior forward **Amanda Chapin** (Westfield, Mass.) totaled 18 points and a game-high 15 rebounds to lead the visiting Westfield State College Owls to a 72-61 win over the Trinity College Bantams women's basketball action Nov. 23. Trinity, playing its home opener, drops to 1-2 with its second straight loss, while the Owls improve to 2-1.

The Owls broke the game open in the second half, extending a four-point lead to more than 20 at times during the second stanza. The Bantams shot just 30 percent from the field in the game, although senior forward Jessica Baker (Middlebury, Conn.) scored a team-high 17 points. Sophomore forward Sarah Cox (Norwell, Mass.) paced the Bantams with 10 rebounds and senior captain guard Deirdre Savageau (Framingham, Mass.) added a team-high four assists.

Freshman guard Kyana Zavala (Springfield, Mass.) joined Chapin in double figures for the owls with 18 points, including 15 in the first half, and added four boards and three steals. Westfield State freshman guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody, Mass.) dished out a game-high seven assists.

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WSC loses to Elms, set to host first game

CHICOPEE — Elms College freshman forward Renato Lindmets (Springfield, MA) poured in a team-high 23 points and the Blazers had five players reach double figures en route to a 95-77 win over Westfield State College in a non-conference men's basketball game at the Maguire Center Nov. 23.

Westfield State's first home game in its new field house is Tuesday, Nov. 30, when it hosts powerhouse Williams Colleges at 7:30. Williams was the NCAA Division 3 national runnerup in 2004 and the national champion in 2003.

Also, the Owls host the Pioneer Valley Classic on Dec. 3-4. They play Amherst, which was in the Final Four last season, on Dec. 3 at 8. Westfield then plays Springfield College on Dec. 4 at 3.

Sophomore guard John Ancrum (Harlem, NY) had 15 points and a game-high six assists, while junior forward Lonnie Branyon III (West Haven, CT) recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who won their second straight game to improve to 2-1 overall.

Elms College shot 64.9-percent in the first half to jump out to a 52-39 lead at intermission. From there, Lindmets and junior guard James Vassar (Waterbury, CT) combined to score 23 second half points. Vassar finished with 14 points and two assists. Junior center Anthony Bernard (Tamarac, FL) also reached double figures for the Blazers as he added 11 points in 18 minutes of action.

The Owls (1-2 overall), who were coming off a grueling 116-114 triple overtime loss to host Eastern Connecticut State University in last Saturday's championship game of the Nancy K. Suliniski '76 Memorial Tournament, received a game-high 26 points from freshman guard Tony Collier (Colchester, VT). Sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, CT) scored 15 points and sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin (Boston, MA) added 14 points as the other two Owls to reach double figures.

Former Westfield Voc-Tech standout **Steve Martins**, a current Westfield State College freshman guard, scored eight points in the loss.

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WESTFIELD

Owls in new home

Westfield State College's first basketball game in its new $18 million athletic facility will be played tonight.

The Owls men host Williams College at 7:30 p.m. There will be a brief pregame ceremony.

The 80,000-square-foot center features a 35,000-square-foot field house, large enough to hold a sanctioned NCAA track and field meet.

It also boasts three full-length basketball courts.

'WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOME!'

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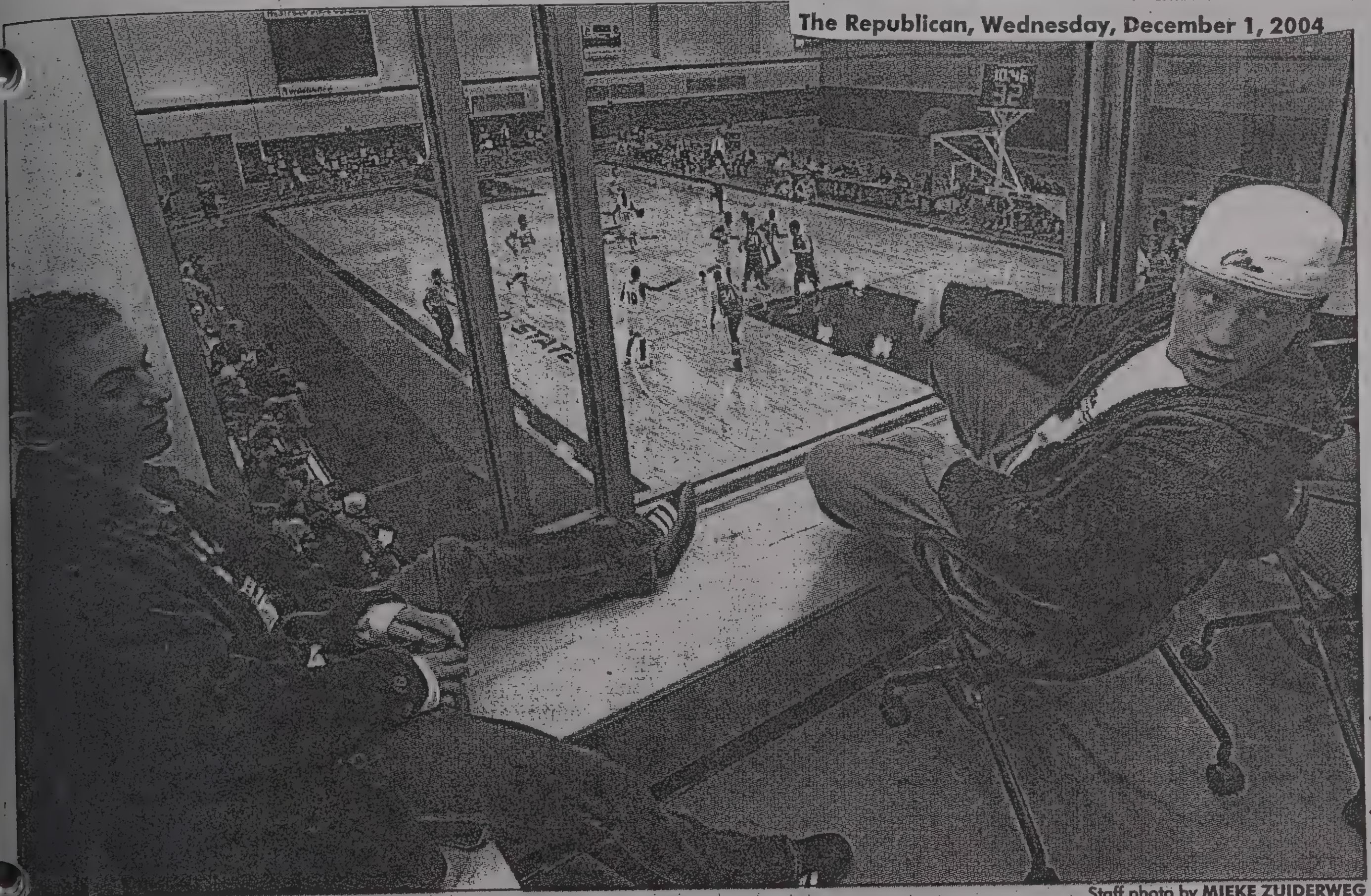

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Scott M. Bruce, 20, a junior, left, and Ryan D. Polson, 18, a freshman, watch the first basketball game last night at the new Woodward Center on the campus of Westfield State College in Westfield. Westfield is playing Williams College, which won 73-57.

Westfield State debuts new gym

Friday and Saturday the college will host the Pioneer Valley Classic.

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WESTFIELD – Westfield State College men's basketball team took on Williams College last night in the Woodward Center's first-ever basketball game.

"Welcome to our new home!" Director of Athletics Kenneth Magarian said at the start of the game, drawing cheers and applause from the 750 spectators who flocked to the gleaming $18 million facility to view a bit of Westfield State history in the making.

Magarian then introduced Holyoke natives Donald W. and Robert A. Farr, who played in the former athletic center when it was new in 1956. The two posed for pictures with the game ball that Magarian said will be enshrined in a facility display case.

"I thought that was great place to play in," Robert Farr, class of 1955 said as he watched the game unfold. "This is a little better."

"It's a fabulous place," Donald Farr, class of 1957 said. "This crowd here, they never would have fit in the old gym."

Both brothers, now Westfield residents, served as captains of Westfield State's basketball team.

Sitting next to the Farrs was Charles "Bud" Hagan of Westfield who was the college's first director of athletics in 1956. "It's gorgeous," Hagan said.

Earlier in the day, Owls coach Rich Sutter said the facility gives Westfield State "the nicest Division II gymnasium in all of New England. . . . It's beautiful."

The Owls went into the match with a 1-2 record, while Williams, currently ranked 10th in the nation for NCAA Division III, was 4-0. Williams won the game 73-57.

"We wanted a quality opponent, and Williams fits that bill," Sutter said.

Westfield State will host the Pioneer Valley Classic Friday when Springfield College takes on Western New England College at 6 p.m. and Westfield State plays Amherst College at 8 p.m.

The classic continues Saturday when Western New England meets Amherst at 1 p.m., and Westfield State takes on Springfield at 3 p.m.

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Williams 73, Westfield State 57: Tucker Kain scored 20 points and Andrew Newton added 18 as the visiting Ephs improved to 5-0.

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Westfield State College forward Mike Jurkowski, of Belchertown, shoots over Williams forward Tucker Kain as teammates Vaso Jaukovic (32) and Tony Collier (24) look on at the Woodward Center in Westfield.

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Williams men spoil Westfield's opener

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WESTFIELD — Every college with a new gym for the 2004-05 season seems to be scheduling Williams for its inaugural game in the new joint. But the strategy that worked so well for the Union women last Saturday backfired for Westfield State men's basketball team Tuesday, as the opening of the Woodward Center was spoiled by a Williams team that ran its record to 5-0 with a 73-57 victory over the Owls before 750 fans.

Tucker Kain sank three three-pointers in scoring a game-high 20 points and Andrew Newton added 18 for the 10th-ranked Ephs, who were too big and too solid defensively for scrappy Westfield (1-3).

Williams again forced the opposition into a poor shooting performance, with the Owls connecting on only 8 of 29 shots from the floor in the first period, finishing with 30 percent for the contest (18-for-60). The Ephs, on the other hand, shot 57 percent (17-for-30) and built a 12-point lead during the first 20 minutes, cruising through a second half in which they only outscored the Owls 37-33.

Bayete Gordon led the hosts with 16 points on 4-for-12 shooting, while Tony Collier chipped in 12.

Williams overcame 19 turnovers and a 4-for-13 performance from behind the arc, with Casey Gibbons the only Eph besides Kain to hit from long-range. Mike Graham and Jaris Cole tied for the game-high in rebounds with eight.

The Ephs will stay at home to host the Williams Invitational this weekend, with their first contest scheduled for Friday against Mass. College. Tip-off is slated for 6 p.m. The Trailblazers are coached by former Williams assistant Devin Gotham.

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Hoop Classic helps foes

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The Pioneer Valley Hoop Classic was dreamed up to help the local Division III college basketball teams with scheduling and expenses, as well as playing two quality games.

Nothing has changed.

The fourth year of the men's tournament kicks off tonight at Westfield State College's new Woodward Center, with Springfield College (3-1) and Western New England College (2-1) playing at 6, followed by Amherst (4-0) and Westfield (1-3) at 8.

The women's tournament is in its third year and will be played at WNEC's Alumni Healthful Living Center. SC (2-1) and WNEC (1-1) play at 6 followed by Amherst (3-1) and Westfield (2-1).

The tournament resumes tomorrow afternoon, with WNEC and Amherst (1 p.m.) and Springfield and Westfield (3 p.m.) men playing, and the Amherst and Springfield (2 p.m.) and Westfield and WNEC (4 p.m.) competing.

"We got together on a conference call a month or two ago and talked about what had happened," said Westfield State athletic director Ken Margarian. "Certainly everyone was in favor of keeping it going."

The tournament rotates among the four schools each year, with the men's competition reverting back to WNEC, the first host institution. The women's tournament will be at Westfield State for its fourth season.

"Everyone thought it was a good thing and one of the most important things was it was local college basketball," said Margarian. "We can lock these games in every year and it's great on the pocketbook, too."

This year's men's tournament has two interesting story lines: The new, state-of-the-art Woodward Center, and WNEC coach Mike Theulen's going up against his former team, the Pride of Springfield College.

Theulen left SC after the 1997 season to become the athletic director at WNEC, but added men's basketball coach to his duties when Doug Pearson retired after last season.

"It will probably be different but I think it would be a little more surreal for me if it was at Blake Arena," Theulen said. "Certainly I have a soft spot in my heart for Springfield College, but we have to be prepared to play our best game."

The Woodward Center opened this year, with the first basketball game played on Tuesday when the Owls lost to Williams College before 750 fans, three times the number who could fit in the old gym at Parenzo Hall.

"We had always wanted (the tournament) the last year hoping we'd have it in our new building and thank goodness," said Margarian.

The $18 million facility measures 80,000 square feet, with the field house that holds three full-length basketball courts and a four-lane track coming in at 35,000 square feet.

For basketball games the field house has a seating capacity of 1,100.

"We're very very happy to host it this year," said Margarian. "It's really fun to host an event here."

Each year the host school donates tickets and proceeds to a local group, and Westfield State College has picked the Westfield Boys and Girls Club.

Pride stop Golden Bears

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Springfield, Amherst win

By JEFF THOMAS
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Pioneer Valley Classic

The first game of the men's Pioneer Valley Hoop Classic lived up to its name.

Springfield College pulled out a 60-58 victory over Western New England College last night at Westfield State College's Woodward Center.

The Golden Bears (2-2) were looking to snap a 22-game losing streak to the Pride (4-1), dating back to 1975, but Derek Yvon's two free throws with 5.2 seconds left were the difference.

"WNEC did an excellent job of taking us out of what we do," said Springfield head coach Charlie Brock, who picked up his 100th career win at SC. "They made us not be patient, which is what we need to do."

The Pride, who only trailed once in the first half at 2-0, led 30-28 at the break. After each team sank a pair of baskets each, the Bears grabbed their most significant lead when Mike Cutler of Amherst knocked down a 3-pointer and teammate Jeremy Sternstein added one of his own for a 38-34 lead.

The Bears stayed in the lead until Jamaal Gibbs, a freshman playing his first minute of varsity basketball, buried a 3-pointer with a little less than six minutes to go to tie the game at 47-47.

"He came ready to play, that's for sure," said Yvon, who had a game-high 19 points. "He played some valuable minutes."

WNEC grabbed a 53-51 lead with 4:01 to go on a pair of foul shots by Jim Bayne (16 points), but a 3-pointer by Anthony Pizzo put the Pride back on top and they never trailed again.

Jon Godbout (16) sank two free throws to tie the game at 58-58 with 10.8 seconds left. Yvon then went the length of the floor and drew the foul with 5.2 remaining.

The Bears had one more chance but Godbout's runner wouldn't drop.

"I was very happy and we played well," said WNEC coach Mike Theulen. "We had the tempo where we wanted it. I think we took a couple of steps forward."

Anthony Charbatji added 13 for the Golden Bears. Mike DeCesar had 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds for the Pride.

Amherst 87, Westfield St. 82: The Lord Jeffs rallied from an 18-point deficit in the second half and pulled out the win in overtime to stay unbeaten in the Classic.

The Owls (1-4) led 35-25 at the break. After the Jeffs trimmed it to eight, Westfield State ripped off an 11-0 run to make it a 49-31 lead. Westfield guard Bayete Gordon (23 points) helped score the final six points of the run by making three steals.

"We had no confidence offensively," said Amherst coach Dave Hixon. "I have no problem giving up 35 points in a half to this team, they're a drive-to-the-basket team. The issue is to score 25 points. I can't remember the last time we scored 25 points in a half. Sometime before the shot clock."

After Ricky Ogboin scored to make it 55-47, the Jeffs found their offense and went on a 22-7 run to get the lead down to four, 63-59, with 6:33 to play.

Gordon scored at the rim to make it a six-point game, then things got strange.

Keith Zalaski hit one free throw for Amherst, then on its next possession John Bedford drove to the basket and there was a collision. One referee called a charge and another called a block.

The three officials huddled and came up with a foul on both Bedford and Gordon. They gave the ball to Westfield, but then credited a made basket to Bedford, even though the ball didn't go in.

"I know it didn't go in," said Westfield coach Rich Sutter. "It just seems like we have a tough time catching a break. But that didn't decide the game."

Bedford's basket made it 65-62, then Zalaski tied the game with a 3-pointer.

Ogboin's layup with 20 seconds left put the Owls up three, but with 12.6 seconds left, Russell Lee hit a 3-pointer to tie the game and send it into overtime.

In overtime Andrew Schiel (28 points) hit a 3-pointer following a Gordon score and the Jeffs never trailed after that.

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Springfield 62, WNEC 53: Springfield center Erin Schwartz had a triple-double as the Pride (3-1) defeated the Golden Bears (1-2) in the first game of the women's Pioneer Valley Hoop Classic.

Schwartz, a junior, had 10 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots for Springfield. She also had a couple of steals and two assists.

Tara McCarthy led the Pride with 14 points and Kacey Wunsch, the team's lone senior, had 10 points, six boards and four assists.

The Golden Bears were led by Laura Booth with a game-high 15 points. Lisa Masella had 10 points along with a game-high 14 rebounds.

Amherst 76, Westfield St. 72: Matia Kostakis had 23 points and 16 rebounds as the Lady Jeffs prevailed in overtime.

Jenny Muller pitched in with 14 points and Katie Latham had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Amherst (4-1).

The Owls (2-2) were led by Meghan McCarthy with 19 points, Amanda Chapin added 14 points and 11 boards and Kristen Strole had 14.

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

MOUNT HOLYOKE ADVANCES: Ten players scored as the **Mount Holyoke College** women's basketball team defeated **Haverford** 52-40 in the opening round of the Seven Sisters Tournament at Bryn Mawr College. **Jonee Billy** recorded 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lyons' offense, while sophomore guard **Angela Astuccio** paced the defense by limiting Haverford leading scorer Katie Crowley to 10 points. The Lyons (3-2) will face **Wellesley** in the second round today . . . In another first-round game of the Seven Sisters Tournament, **Vassar** topped **Smith** 48-43. **Diana Bull** scored 16 points and **Shelly Harrison** added 10 for the Pioneers (2-3), who play today at noon . . . At Williamstown, **Williams** beat **Middlebury** 79-63 in women's basketball. **Maggie Miller** (32 points), **Meghan O'Malley** (18) and **Colleen Hession** (11) led the Ephs (5-1) . . . The **Amherst** men's ice hockey team won its home opener, 4-1, over previously unbeaten **St. Michael's**. Rookie forward **Kyle Schoppel** registered two goals and an assist and **Beau Kretzman** added a goal and two assists for the Lord Jeffs (3-1-1, 2-0-1) . . . Emily Quizon finished with two goals and an assist and Lorna Gifis added a goal as host **Middlebury** shut out **Amherst** 4-0 in women's ice hockey. **Stacey Johnston** made 34 saves for the Lady Jeffs (2-2-1).

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Senior Julie Motolo won three individual events and freshman Sarah Barber and junior Jess Boardman won two each as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's swimming team lost a 133-129 decision to Westfield State College Wednesday night.

Motolo won the 50- and 100-yard butterfly and the 50-yard freestyle, Barber the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley and Boardman the 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle.

Barber set her eighth program record of the season in the 200 individual medley, breaking her own record by nearly three seconds with a time of 2:22.56.

Freshman Kaitlyn Kociela finished second to Boardman in the 500 and 1,000 freestyle, establishing personal bests in both events.

While Eastern (3-1-1) swimmers won 7-of-12 individual events, Westfield (3-2) out-scored the Warriors 26-8 in the two relays. Trailing by five points, Westfield won the meet on the final event by taking first and third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Junior Vanessa Morton won the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events for Westfield.

Eastern visits the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth on Saturday. The Corsairs won last weekend's Little East Conference Championship.

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Westfield St. 152, Plymouth St. 140: Three swimmers won two events each as the Owls improved to 4-2.

Rachel Webb of West Springfield won the 100 yard butterfly and the 200 IM, Vanessa Morton was first in the 200 and 500 free races and Marianne Wilson won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

The team of junior Lindsey Bartosz of Chicopee, Piquette, Webb, and Blain won the 200 medley.

Staff writer Jeff Thomas contributed to this report.

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Westfield State player grabs record

WESTFIELD – Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield, Mass./Suffield Academy) scored a team-high 17 points and tied a school record with 22 rebounds to lead Westfield State to a 70-57 victory over Newbury College in a non-conference women's basketball game on Saturday.

The 5-9 Chapin registered her fourth straight double double for the 3-4 Owls, and she did set a school record with 17 defensive rebounds in the first women's game in Westfield's new field house — the Woodward Center. Chapin shares the single-game school record for rebounds with Ellen Carey (vs. AIC in 1990) and Carol Ringer (vs. Western Connecticut in 1985).

The Owls made their first four 3-point attempts — by four different players — in jumping out to an 18-11 lead with 13:11 remaining in the first half. Westfield led at halftime, 41-28, and its biggest lead was 53-37 with 13:41 remaining.

Newbury (3-6) — coached by former Westfield State standout Andrea Bertini — cut the lead to nine points late in the game.

Three other players scored in double figures in Westfield's balanced attack. Freshman point guard Kyana Zavala (Springfield/Cathedral) had 12 points and seven rebounds and freshman guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody) finished with 11 points and six assists. Junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) totaled 10 points, nine rebounds and four assists. Reserve forward Rebekah Lent, also from Belchertown, contributed six points and 11 rebounds.

Junior guard Quandra Harrison (Brockton) led Newbury with a game-high 18 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Randi Hardiman (Loudon, NH) had 16 points and eight rebounds and senior forward Ebony White (Lynn/Lynn Tech) had eight points and 13 boards.

Westfield's next game is Jan. 1 when it faces Manhattanville in the Keene State Tournament.

WESTFIELD STATE EDGES PLYMOUTH STATE IN WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING: PLYMOUTH, N.H. - Junior Vanessa Morton (Wellfleet, Mass.) and sophomores Rachel Webb (West Springfield, Mass.) and Marianne Wilson (Tewksbury, Mass.) won two individual events each Saturday afternoon to lead Westfield State College to a 152-140 victory over Plymouth State University in a women's swimming and diving meet at the PSU Natatorium.

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Westfield State edges PSU in swim/dive meet

Anton swims well for Panthers in setback

PLYMOUTH — Westfield State College (Mass.) toook a 152-140 victory over Plymouth State University in a women's swimming and diving meet last Saturday at the PSU Natatorium.

Westfield State won the first event, the 200-yard medley relay, by two one-hundredths of a second, and went on to capture 10 of the 16 events. The Owls improve to 4-2 in dual meets, while PSU falls to 1-2.

The outcome spoiled a strong performance by PSU sophomore captain Cait Anton (Woolrich, Maine), who won the 50-yard backstroke (31.32 seconds) and 100-yard backstroke (1:05.72). She also swam a leg on the winning 400-yard free relay team.

Other winners for the Panthers were sophomore Katie Bouffard (Essex Jct., Vt.) in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:18.53), freshman Christina Miller (Manchester) in the 50-yard free (26.60), and freshman Erin Musto (Westford, Mass.) in the 1,000-yard free (12:41.42). Joining Anton on the winning 400 free relay team was Miller, Bouffard, and freshman Melissa Walczak (Farmington, Conn.).

After a break for final exams and the holidays, PSU hosts the annual Alumni meet Sunday, Jan. 2. The next official competition is Saturday, Jan. 8, in a 1 p.m. dual meet at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

SATURDAY NEWS, Saturday, December 18, 2004

LOCAL NEWS & NOTES

Chapin named Player of Week

WESTFIELD — Westfield State College's Amanda Chapin (Westfield/Suffield Academy) was named women's basketball player of the week in the Mass. St. College Athletics Conference for Dec. 13.

The 5-9 junior forward made Westfield's debut in the new Woodward Center a memorable one as she scored a team-high 17 points and grabbed a school record-tying 22 rebounds in a 70-57 victory over Newbury on Dec. 11. She did set a school record with 17 defensive rebounds.

It was the fourth straight double double for the Westfield native. She opened her week with a 14-point, 17-rebound performance in a 66-58 loss at Rhode Island College. Chapin, who was slowed with an injury in the first few weeks of the season, is averaging 12.7 points and a conference-high 13.1 rebounds per game for the 3-4 Owls.

Westfield State is idle until Jan. 1-2 when it competes in the Keene State Tournament.

In men's basketball, Westfield State junior forward James Ogbunize (Springfield/Sci Tech) made the conference weekly honor roll by scoring a career high 18 points in a 92-51 victory over Albertus Magnus.

The Owls' next game takes place this afternoon when they host Purchase College of New York at 1 p.m.

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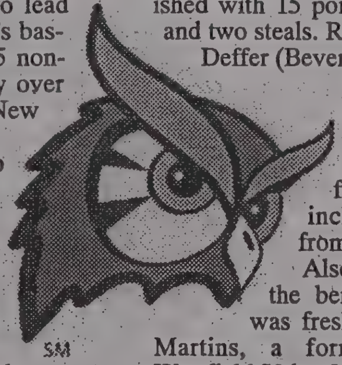
Westfield State College's Amanda Chapin drives to the basket for a layup during this Dec. 11, 2004 game against Newbury College.
(Photo courtesy of Westfield State College Sports Information Department)

WESTFIELD EVENING NEWS, Monday, December 20, 2004

WSC Owls throttle Purchase, 85-45

WESTFIELD – Junior point guard Bayete Gordon (Amherst, Mass.) totaled a game-high 19 points, six rebounds, seven assists, two blocks, and two steals to lead the Westfield State men's basketball team to an 85-45 non-conference home victory over Purchase College of New York on Saturday.



Westfield improved to 3-5 while Purchase is 5-4. Three of the Owls' five losses have been to teams that are ranked in the top 25 nationally: Amherst, Springfield and Williams.

The Owls controlled the game from the outset, taking an early 13-2 lead and a 41-21 advantage at halftime. Westfield shot 56 percent from the field, including 64 percent in the second half.

In addition to directing the offense, the flashy 5-7 Gordon played big inside with his six rebounds and two blocked shots. Gordon shot 8-for-10 from the field.

Westfield sophomore guard Gavin Illangakooon (Ellington, Conn.) finished with 15 points, five rebounds and two steals. Reserve guard Andy Deffer (Beverly) played well for the second straight game with 14 points; he was 5-for-7 from the field, including 2-for-3 from 3-point range.

Also playing well off the bench for the Owls was freshman guard Steve Martins, a former standout at Westfield Voke. Martins contributed seven points, four assists and a team-high five steals.

Akantude Henderson-Amare (Brooklyn, N.Y.) was the only player in double figures for Purchase with 13 points. The Panthers shot 23 percent from the field, including 3-for-22 from 3-point range.

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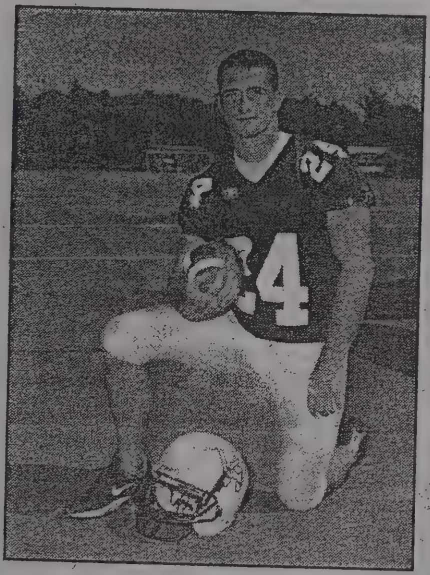

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Junior defensive back Jay Abair of Ludlow was a member of the Westfield State football team that finished with a 5-4 record for its fourth straight winning season under the direction of head coach and Ludlow resident Steve Marino. Abair was a second team all-conference selection at defensive back in the 14-team New England Football Conference. He had a team-high four interceptions during the 2004 season.

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Freshman forward Nicolle Culverwell of Ludlow (Monson High School) was a member of the Westfield State College women's soccer team. She had two goals and two assists for the 6-8-1 Owls.

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Junior midfielder Ray Cheria of Ludlow as a member of the Westfield State College men's soccer team that posted an 8-6-2 record. Cheria was the team's second leading scorer with four goals and one assist. He was named first team all conference in the eight-team Mass. State College athletic conference.

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Westfield State junior forward Amanda Chapin ranks 12th nationally in NCAA Division 3 in rebounding, averaging 12.3 boards per game. She also leads the Owls in scoring, averaging 11.8 points per game. Westfield's next home game is Tuesday, Feb. 1, when it hosts Bridgewater State at 6:00 p.m. *Photo By Mike Coughlin*

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Women's Basketball

WESTFIELD – Junior forward Jen Fontaine (Dracut, Mass.) led a balanced attack with 11 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and four steals to lead Fitchburg State to a 64-47 Mass. State Conference victory over Westfield State.

The Falcons improved to 12-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Westfield drops to 4-9 and 0-4. A 22-0 scoring spurt in the first half keyed the Falcon victory. Westfield led 13-9 at the 12:34 mark then Fitchburg took a commanding 31-13 lead with 5:06 remaining. The Owls committed 18 turnovers and shot just 25 percent from the field in the first half.

Junior guard Kate Redican (Meriden, Conn.) also scored 11 points for the winners and senior guard Cortney Kelley (Hanson, Mass.) added 10 points. Senior forward Jenn Kirkland (Somerville, Mass.) contributed nine points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Westfield freshman guard Betty Dely (Waltham, Mass.) tallied a game-high 15 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown, Mass.) scored 10 points.

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Kristen Strole earns starting role for Westfield State College Lady Owls hoop

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Sophomore Kristen Strole, a 2003 graduate of Agawam High School, has started all seven games at presstime for the Division III Westfield State College Lady Owls women's basketball team.

At presstime the Lady Owls are 3-4.

Strole is averaging 8.4 points per game and 4.4 rebounds. The 5-10 forward is shooting at a 48.6 percent clip from the field (27 for 56). She also has shored-up the Lady Owls' defense inside the paint.

Strole joined the very successful 2003-2004 Lady Owls as a freshman walk-on. Under Coach Steve Marcil, the Lady Owls enjoyed a 21-6 campaign last winter, the first 20-win season for the program in six years. Marcil was named conference "coach of the year" for his efforts.

The team finished second in the Massachusetts State Conference to perennial power Salem State College, including a 68-53 setback in the conference championship game.

Strole was one of the inside players from a year ago that helped the Lady Owls hold their opponents to an average of 49.1 points per game, which ranked them fourth nationally in Division III.

So far this season, Strole is third on the team in field goal percentage, fourth in field goal attempts, second in field goals made, and fourth in both total points and in average points per game.

Strole was a four-year member of the Agawam High School girls' hoop team and a three-year starter. She also participated in outdoor track.

Strole is the daughter of David & Suzanne Strole of Agawam.

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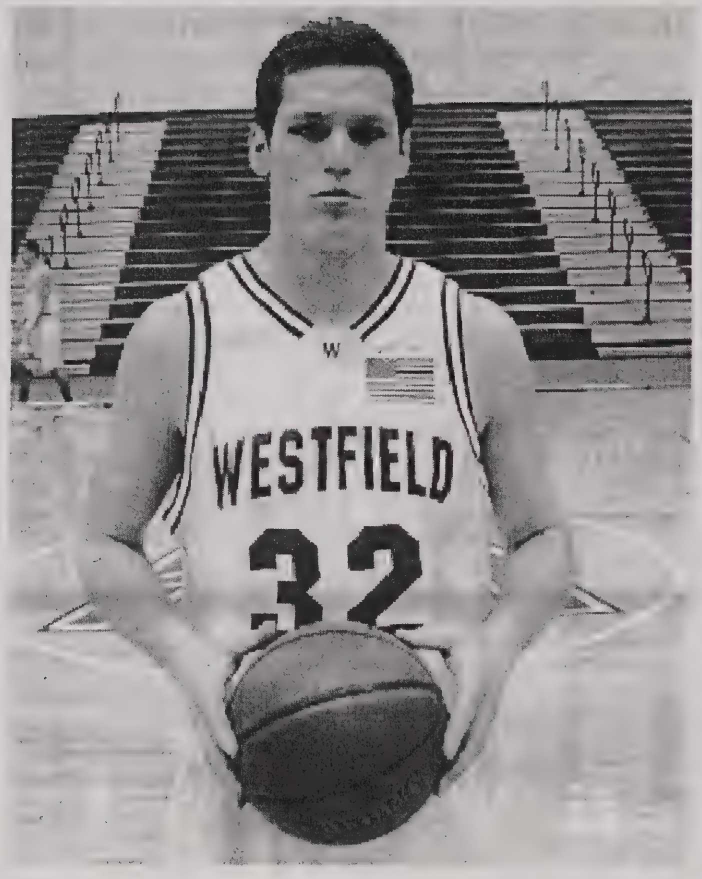

Conference Player of the Week

In a week of strong performances in the Mass. State Conference, Westfield State's Vaso Jaukovic distinguished himself by totaling 54 points and 12 rebounds for the Owls. He scored a game-best 28 points while shooting 11 for 19 from the field and connecting on 4 of 5 three-point attempts in a 90-82 loss at Salem State. Jaukovic then erupted for a game-high 26 points as Westfield evened its MASCAC record at 2-2 with a 85-64 win against Fitchburg State. He continued his torrid shooting by hitting 10 of 15 field goal attempts versus the Falcons. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Jaukovic Leads Owls To Victory

Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic (Montenegro, Serbia) scored a game-high 26 points to lead Westfield State to an 85-64 Mass. State Conference victory over Fitchburg .

The Owls are 6-7 overall and 2-2 in conference action. Fitchburg dropped to 2-13 and 0-3.

The Owls jumped out to a 42-27 halftime lead as they shot 53 percent from the field, including 6-for-12 from 3-point range. Westfield freshman forward Tony Collier (Colchester, Vt.) was 4-for-5 from beyond the arc in the first half.

Collier finished the game with 15 points. Junior forward James Ogbunzie (Springfield, Mass.) scored 11 points and sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin (Brighton, Mass.) had 10.

Senior forward Rashad Cope (Roxbury, Mass.) had 22 points and nine rebounds for Fitchburg. Sophomore center Nick Smith (Leominster, Mass.) tied his career high with 17 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Fitchburg out rebounded Westfield, 49-34, but finished with 23 turnovers and shot 37 percent from the field.

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Owls ready for new year

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It took a couple of games for the Westfield State College women's basketball team to get over a tough overtime loss to Amherst College, but the Owls are ready to rebound in the second semester.

Local basketball notes

Westfield was 21-6 last season, but star post player Lekeisha Walker did not return to school this year. That forced coach Steve Marcil to lower his expectation level.

"I'd be a happy man if we can win 13-15 games," Marcil said of the 3-4 Owls.

Amherst defeated Westfield 76-72 in OT Dec. 3, and then the Owls dropped their next two games, 64-52 at Western New England College and 66-58 at Rhode Island College.

"We won our last game (70-57 over Newbury), but we really didn't fully recover from the loss to Amherst," Marcil said. "We were a free throw away from winning, but that's the way the game goes."

Marcil is pleased with the progress his players are making, particularly sophomore Kristen Strole of Agawam, who was promoted into the starting spot vacated by Walker.

LOCAL BASKETBALL FOCUS

LADY JACKETS ROLL: The **American International College** women's basketball team regained its winning form yesterday with a 64-52 victory over Lock Haven in the first round of the Comfort Suites Holiday Classic at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. **Debbie Sampson** scored 18 points (7 of 15 from the field) and **Sharmion Selman** had 13 points and nine rebounds for the 13th-ranked Yellow Jackets (10-1). AIC, which suffered its first defeat last week on a trip to Puerto Rico, also got big games from **Jen Nnanna** (season-high five blocked shots) and **Linda Pierre** (career-high 12 rebounds).

–Jason Remillard

"Kristen's had a couple of double-doubles, and she's really improving," Marcil said.

Owls junior Amanda Chapin of Westfield continues to be the heart and soul of the team. Last week, she was voted the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference player of the week.

"Amanda's been playing out of her mind, she leaves her heart on the floor," Marcil said.

Also contributing has been freshman point guard Kyana Zavalla, a Cathedral High School graduate. Zavalla has been averaging 13 points per game.

And the defensive side of the game is led by guard Meghan McCarthy of Belchertown, who is also contributing nine points per game.

Westfield returns to action Saturday to face Manhattanville in a tournament at Keene State, and will meet either Albany Pharmacy or the host team the next day.

After a non-conference game Jan. 8 at Pine Manor, the Owls swing into MASCAC play at Bridgewater State Jan. 11 and home to Worcester State Jan. 15.

SURE SHOT: Western New England sophomore guard Laura Booth of Chicopee is second in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference in free-throw percentage (.938), and second on the team in scoring with an 8.4 average.

The Golden Bears, 2-3 after dropping a 66-50 decision to Brandeis Dec. 11, have been led by junior center Lisa Masella. Masella is averaging a team-high 10.8 points while hauling down 12.6 rebounds (second in the GNAC).

WNEC has only one senior – Shelly Everson, who is averaging 7.2 points and 4.2 rebounds. The Golden Bears have been hurt by the loss of Jess Harrica, who is out for the season with an injury.

WNEC returns to action Jan. 8 at Framingham State.

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Elaine Penn, left, presented a workshop entitled "What Makes a Leader" to Westfield State College varsity sports team captains and members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) on Monday, Jan. 24. Later that evening she gave a keynote address to all student-athletes entitled "Diversity and Community Building". Both workshops were well received by varsity athletes. Penn serves as director of special projects at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She has produced five documentaries about environmental and social issues. Penn, who has been making presentations since 1996, has spoken at other Mass. State Conference colleges as well as conducting leadership training for members of the conference's student-athlete advisory council.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

Athletics Director Assumes New Administrative Post

WESTFIELD – After serving the Westfield State College Athletics Department for 32 years - the last 10 as athletics director - Ken Magarian has been selected to work on administrative projects for Student Affairs, among them management work for the Wellness Center and the Ely Campus Center.

The college is beginning a national search for a new athletics director. In the interim, Timothy Murphy, director of Human Resources, has been named interim director of Athletics until the search is completed.

Magarian's wide range of experience may be also used for various athletics-related college projects, since the completion of the Woodward Center academic and athletic complex has brought increased emphasis on the college's athletics program and the Department of Movement Science, Sport and Leisure Studies.

Magarian was part of the team that built the Woodward Center. As a coach, and later as athletics director, Magarian gained experience in many facets of athletics administration, from recruiting players to equipment and facilities management and development. He has been president of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, as well as serving on several national committees for the NCAA. He has mixed emotions about leaving Athletics, but looks forward to new and different responsibilities and opportunities within Student Affairs.

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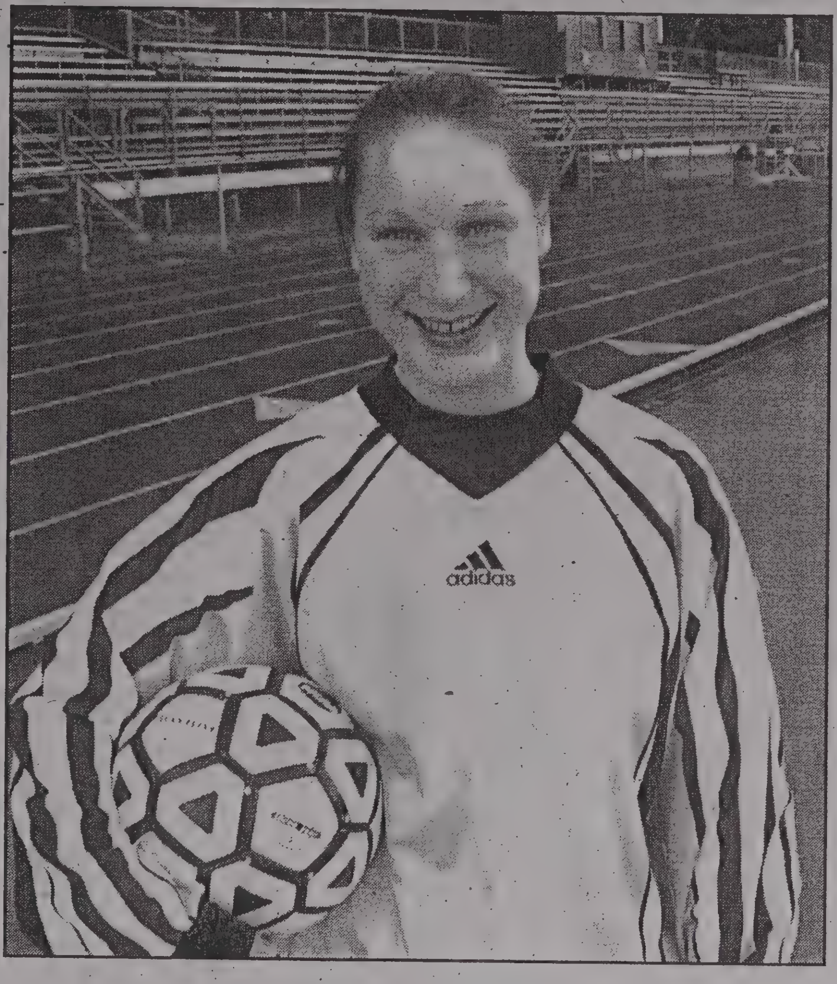

Sophomore goal keeper Jennifer Cyr of Worthington (Gateway Regional) was a member of the Westfield State College women's soccer team this past season. Cyr was a reserve goalie for the Owls, who posted a 6-8-1 record.

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Junior forward has put up some monster numbers for the Westfield State men's basketball team. The Belchertown native posted career highs of 33 points and 16 rebounds in a key 82-61 conference victory over Bridgewater on Feb. 1. He poured in 30 points in a victory over Framingham State. Westfield has a huge conference game on Tuesday, Feb. 8, when it hosts Salem State at 8:00 p.m. *Photo By Mike Coughlin*

Double J

Jurkowski, Jaukovic Power Owls

WESTFIELD - Junior forward Mike Jurkowski (Belchertown) had career highs of 33 points and 16 rebounds, and senior forward Vaso Jaukovic (Serbia/Montenegro) posted a triple-double (11 points, 12 rebounds, 11 assists) to power Westfield State to an 82-61 victory over Bridgewater State on Feb. 1.

The Owls won their third straight game to improve to 9-8 overall and 5-2 in the Mass. State Conference. Bridgewater is 10-9 and 4-3.

Jurkowski, who scored 30 points last Thursday vs. Framingham, was nearly unstoppable as moved well without the ball and shot with deadly accuracy in and around the key. The smooth 6-4 forward was 16-for-23 from the field and also contributed three assists and four steals to the winning cause. Jurkowski only struggled from the line where he made just 1 of 5 free throws.

Westfield again shot well, making 57 percent of its field goal attempts, including 61 percent (17 of 28) in the second half. The Owls led 38-28 at halftime and boosted the lead to 56-37 with 12:26 remaining.

Westfield freshman guard Tony Collier (Colchester, VT) also had an outstanding game with 15 points and nine rebounds. Collier got the starting nod in place of sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon, who was sidelined with a broken nose.

Bridgewater struggled from the field, shooting just 29 percent. Westfield dominated the boards, outrebounding the Bears, 49-27.

Junior guard Cliff Furtado (Fall River) and senior forward Chris Hayes (Weymouth) led Bridgewater with 14 points apiece. Senior point guard Brian Adamczyk (Chicopee) had 10 points and seven assists.

Westfield State 69 – MCLA 64

NORTH ADAMS - Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic and freshman reserve forward Tony Collier each scored 18 points to lead Westfield State to a 69-64 victory over MCLA on Jan. 29.

The Owls improved to 8-8 overall and 4-2 in the Mass. State Conference. They have a key conference game at home on Tuesday when they host Bridgewater State at 8:00 p.m.

Westfield withstood a 3-point barrage by MCLA (6-10, 0-6) to pull out the road victory. More than half of the Blazer's points were scored from beyond the arc, as they made 11 of 26 trey attempts. Meanwhile, they were 12-for-41 inside the arc.

The Owls led 32-27 at halftime, but the Blazers went on a 15-6 spurt at the outset of the second half for a 42-38 lead. Westfield put together an 11-0 run to take a 49-42 lead with 9:44 remaining. Collier, who hails from Colchester, Vt., came off the bench to score nine of the points during the key second-half run.

MCLA regrouped to tie the score at 55-55 with 6:12 remaining as the Blazers drained three treys and converted several offensive rebounds into easy buckets. But the Owls received clutch shooting down the stretch from Jaukovic, Collier, sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon (13 points) and junior forward Mike Jurkowski (10 points).

With Westfield clinging to one-point leads, the 6-7 Jaukovic nailed consecutive jumpers from the deep baseline with 1:22 and 0:57 remaining. Collier sealed the victory by canning two free throws with seven seconds remaining.

Westfield again shot well from the field: 52 percent, including 61 percent in the second half. Collier was 7-for-8 from the field, including 2-for-3 from 3-point range.

Robert Mitchell led MCLA with 18 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

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Two Foxboro athletes completed their fall seasons at Westfield State College in Westfield.

Junior Rachel Sweeney, a former FHS volleyball standout, played in 20 matches and 69 games. She had 93 kills and 354 attempts for the Owls, who finished with a 3-3 conference record and 9-17 overall mark.

Senior Maryann Kinney played in 17 games for the Owls' field hockey team.

Women's Basketball Stuns Bridgewater

WESTFIELD – Freshman point guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody) scored a team-high 13 points and junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) had 11 points and 13 rebounds to pace Westfield State to a 55-51 upset victory over Bridgewater State on Feb. 1.

The Owls avenged a 35-point loss (73-38) at Bridgewater on Jan. 11 and improved to 7-9 overall and 3-4 in the Mass. State Conference. Bridgewater is 13-6 and 5-2.

Macchi had a fine all around game with eight rebounds, four assists, two blocks and five steals. Junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) had 12 points and seven assists in the Owls' balanced attack and freshman Betty Dely (Waltham) added 11 points.

Westfield trailed 25-23 at halftime, then went on a 15-3 run to take a 38-28 lead with 11:06 remaining. The aggressive Owl defense forced 25 Bridgewater turnovers.

The Owls led 49-38 with 5:50 when Bridgewater mounted a comeback. The Bears went on an 8-0 run to close to within three, 49-46, with 2:26 remaining. Westfield then made two big buckets – a driving lay-up by Macchi and a Dely jumper for a 53-46 advantage.

Senior center Jessica Worden (Rockland) led the Bears with 15 points, including her 1,000th career point with 6:30 remaining in the first half on a lay-in following an inbounds pass. She now has 1,011 career points.

Women's College Basketball
Westfield State 50 – MCLA 33

NORTH ADAMS – Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield/Suffield Academy) posted another double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds and junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) had 14 points, four assists and three steals to lead Westfield State to a 50-33 conference victory over MCLA on Jan. 29.

The Owls, 6-9 overall and 2-4 in the conference, only led 18-16 at halftime, but they outscored the host team 16-0 in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Freshman guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody) finished with 11 points, five assists and two steals for the Owls, who shot 45 percent from the field in the second half.

No player scored in double figures for the Blazers (5-12, 1-5), who shot just 23 percent field the floor.

Terrific Tuesday Home Games on Feb. 8

Women's Basketball
6:00 p.m. vs. Salem State
Women's Swimming
7:00 p.m. vs. Regis College
Men's Basketball
8:00 p.m. vs. Salem State

Junior guard Meghan McCarthy had 12 points and seven assists in the Owls' big win over Bridgewater. *Photo By Mike Coughlin*

Indoor Track & Field Results

Wesleyan Invitational
Men's Results

FIRST: Peter King, shot put, 47-2.
SECOND: David Richardson, high jump, 6-5.
THIRD: 4 x 400 Relay, 3:37.17.
EIGHTH: Eric Kelly, 55 hurdles, 8.36; Matt Dissell, shot put, 42-10.
NINTH: Zack Bitzer, 400, 53.46.

Wesleyan Invitational
Men's Results

SECOND: Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 17-6.
THIRD: Tessa Donoghue, 5-0; Jen Howard, 5-0.
FOURTH: Tessa Donoghue, 200, 27.12.
SEVENTH: Heather Wenninger, 3000, 11:30.64.

Women's Swim Team Raises Record To 6-2

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team raised its record to 6-2 with recent victories over St. Joseph, Conn., 133-112, and Salem State, 134-91.

Westfield's final home meet is Tuesday, Feb. 8, when it hosts Regis College at 7:00 p.m.

Double winners vs. St. Joseph were junior Vanessa Morton in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard freestyle and freshman Kara Phelan in the 50 backstroke and 200 backstroke. Morton's time of 26.04 in the 50 freestyle set a new St. Jospeh pool record.

Also finishing first were freshman Renee Kruszyna (200 freestyle), freshman Bridget Hartley (50 breaststroke), sophomore Marianne Wilson (one-meter diving), and the 200 medley relay of Phelan, Katie Piquette, Shannon McMahon and Morton.

Morton and Kruszyna were double winners in the Salem meet. Kruszyna won the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and Morton touched the wall first in the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle.

Other individual winners were: Lindsey Bartosz (50 backstroke), Katie Piquette (50 breaststroke), Rachel Webb (100 butterfly), and Marianne Wilson (one-meter diving.

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Facility director sports flexibility

Jose F. Cid started working at Westfield State last year with a job in the Residential Life Department.

By GEORGE GRAHAM
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WESTFIELD – As building supervisor for Westfield State College's newly opened $18 million Woodward Center, Jose F. Cid wears a lot of hats.

Any given day at the gleaming new facility might find Cid puzzling out the intricacies of its electronic message board, helping to juggle the schedules of the college's 17 varsity teams or even working on strength and conditioning programs for the members of those teams.

The Queens, N.Y., native, who turns 26 later this month, said he enjoys the many facets of his job. "There really isn't the same day twice," Cid said.

Cid, who graduated from Springfield College in 2003 with a master's degree in athletic administration and also earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training there, said he likes the fact that he is the first one to hold the post.

"I anticipate there will be a lot of paving the way in terms of policies and procedures," Cid said.

Such policies include the public use of the facility. Currently, the public is invited to use the track and its locker facilities 6-7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Participants are asked to sign in, bring their own locks for their lockers and bring a clean pair of athletic footwear so they don't track mud, sand and snow onto the new NCAA regulation track.

The public's use of the track, Cid said, is slowly catching on. "Now that it's getting colder we are seeing increased numbers of people," he said.

Cid said the college invites camps or other organizations that may want to use the facility for activities or conferences. "We want it to be used in the summer," Cid said. "We have one or two baseball camps already lined up."

Cid started working at Westfield State last year with a job in the Residential Life Department and decided to apply for the building supervisor position.

"I am very blessed to have the experience," said Cid, who lived in a Westfield State residence hall last year and now lives off-campus in Westfield with his wife, Audri Cid. "I feel really fortunate that we have this facility and I feel it will be a tremendous asset to our institution."

Curt D. Robie, vice president of operations and facilities at Westfield State, said Cid was one of eight or nine candidates to apply for the job.

"Jose is a very energetic, well-qualified individual to take over the job of supervising the Woodward Center," Robie said. "He has all of the qualifications we could have hoped for."

Cid said he has long aspired to a career in athletic administration. With this job, he also gets to employ his athletic training skills in the center's facilities.

"I meet with the teams off-season and in-season, put them through their workout regimen, coach them with their exercises," Cid said.

Cid played football for Springfield College as a linebacker for several years and looks like he still could suit up and take to the field. A shoulder injury, however, sidelined his collegiate football career.

Cid is an avid skier and snowboarder. "I invite the beginning of winter," he said smiling with anticipation.

The 80,000-square-foot center features a 35,000-square-foot field house, large enough to hold an official NCAA track and field meet. It also boasts three basketball courts, with the main performance court providing seating for 1,100.

The second floor includes a student lounge, aerobics and dance studio, four classrooms and exercise physiology, biomechanics and motor learning laboratories. There are also a multimedia computer lab, conference rooms, a hall of fame display area and office space for the college's athletics and movement science departments.

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Play ball!

David Wetherell, of the Westfield State College facilities department, puts the finishing touches on the NCAA logo earlier this week in preparation for the NCAA Division III field hockey championships being held at Westfield State College's Alumni Field today and tomorrow. In Friday's semifinals, Salisbury University of Maryland will play William Smith College, N.Y., at 2 p.m., followed by Messiah, Pa., vs. Middlebury, Vt., College at 5. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 3. For ticket information contact 413-572-5405. (Courtesy of Westfield State College)

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Westfield State senior Peter King of Athol set a school record in the shot put with a heave of 51-9 3/4 at the Smith Invitational on Feb. 5. The former school record was set in 1978. King also broke a longstanding school record in the discus last spring with a toss of 150 feet even.
File Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Indoor Track & Field Results

Smith College Tartan Classic

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Williams 233; 2. Bryant 144; 3. Westfield 111; 4. WPI 96; 5. Wesleyan 74; 6. Conn. College 55; 7. Vassar 5.

FIRST: Eric Kelly, 55 hurdles, 8.23; 4 x 400 Relay, 3:34.76; David Richardson, high jump, 6-4; Peter King, shot put, 51-9.75.

THIRD: Zak Bitzer, 400, 53.36; 4 x 800 Relay, 8:36.01; Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 20-11.75

FOURTH: Robbie Crossman, 400, 53.48; Nate Cristofori, 600, 1:28.98; 4 x 200 relay, 1:36.33; Sean Marino, high jump, 6-0.

FIFTH: Eric Kelly, 200, 23.79; Andy Messer, 1000, 2:43.39; Matt Dissell, shot put, 42-9

SIXTH: Ben Butterfield, 200, 23.91; Jacques Moret, 400, 53.71.

SEVENTH: John Messer, 1000, 2:46.27; Matt Shannon, high jump, 5-10; Matt Shannon, long jump, 20.5.25; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 38-9.50.

EIGHTH: David Richardson, 200, 24.33; Ron Ricciarelli, 55 hurdles, 9.29.

WOMEN'S STANDINGS:
1. Williams 242.5; 2. Smith 122; 3. 3. Mt. Holyoke 67; 4. Wesleyan 63; 5. Bryant 52; 6. Connecticut College 49; 7. Westfield State 38.5; 8. WPI 33; 9. Wellesley 30; 10. Vassar 5.

FIRST: Tessa Donoghue, 400, 59.76; Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 18-3.25; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 38-5.5.

FIFTH: Abby D'Angelo, high jump, 4-6

SIXTH: Jess Ekness, 55 hurdles, 9.84.

EIGHTH: Katelyn Kervin, 55 meter dash, 8.13; CC Costello, weight throw, 30-5.25.

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Duo stars for Owls

By RICK HARRISON
Sun Staff

Wilmington natives **Dave Trueira** and **Jim Fennelly** put together solid seasons as members of the 2004 Westfield State College football team, which posted a 5-4 record for its fourth straight winning campaign (30-11 over that stretch).

Ramblings

Trueira was named the Owls Offensive Player of the Year and winner of the New England Football Conference (NEFC) Hal Chalmers Scholar-Athlete Award.

The senior 6-foot, 195-pound wide receiver was also selected second-team NEFC All-Conference.

In nine games he caught 46 passes for 609 yards and 3 touchdowns.

He also returned 6 punts for 36 yards and added a team-high 16 kickoff returns for 361 yards (22.6 average). Trueira's longest punt return was 19 yards and he also ripped off a 63-yard kickoff return.

Defensive standout Fennelly, a 5-11, 220-pound junior linebacker, led WSC in tackles with 37 solo stops and 23 assists for 60 overall.

Fennelly contributed 5 tackles for loss, 1 1/2 sacks, an interception, pass breakup and forced fumble.

Offensively he rushed the ball once, caught a pass and scored 12 points.

Other local members of the 2004 Westfield State team were junior defensive lineman **Casey Lawrence** and senior 280-pound defensive lineman **Stan Pa'u**, both of Ayer, along with senior 280-pound tight end **Brian Maver** who graduated from Acton-Boxboro High where he played for his dad, Bill.

Pau and Lawrence both had 8 solo and 9 assisted tackles, 4 tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

Westfield State participated in three straight NEFC championship games from 2001-03, claimed three consecutive Mass. State Conference titles, one NEFC crown and competed in the NCAA Tournament in 2001 and the ECAC playoffs in 2002.

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Local athletes on the 2004 Westfield State field hockey team, which finished 11-6 and shared the Mass. State Conference championship with Framingham State, were freshman midfielder **Julie Kosciak** of Groton and freshman back **Jacqui Turner** of Boxboro.

Turner started all 17 games and passed out 2 assists, while Kosciak played in 6 games.

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Salem State Outshoots Westfield Women, 65-51

WESTFIELD - Junior center Estrella Kuilan (Lowell) led a balanced attack with 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks to lead Salem State to a 65-51 Mass. State Conference victory over Westfield State on Feb. 8.

The Vikings improved to 15-6 overall and 6-2 in the conference. Westfield is 8-11 and 3-6.

The teams were tied at halftime, 31-31, but Salem began to pull away immediately in the second half with an 11-2 run.

Freshman forward Lindsey Watkins (Wareham) scored 15 points for the Vikings and senior guards Gilliam Almeida (Mattapoisett) and Kelly Reardon (Kettering, Ohio) tallied 10 points apiece.

Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) had another double-double for the Owls with 11 points and 18 rebounds. Junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) finished with 13 points and seven assists and freshman guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody) had 11 points and six assists.

Salem shot 39 percent from the field, while Westfield only shot 27 percent. The Owls were 5-for-14 from the foul line.

Salem Stuffs Owls

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WESTFIELD – Senior 6-9 center Ifesinachi Anosike (Staten Island, N.Y.) posted a rare triple-double with 23 points, 14 rebounds and 11 blocked shots to power Salem State to an 84-68 Mass. State Conference victory over Westfield State on Feb. 8.

The Vikings improved to 18-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference. Westfield is 9-10 and 5-4.

Westfield rallied from a 22-12 deficit to take a 34-32 halftime lead. Westfield junior reserve forward James Obunize (Springfield) sparked the comeback with 11 points and seven rebounds in the first half. However, Ogbunize only had one point and one rebound in the second half.

But the Vikings quickly sized control early in the second half, sparked by their tall front line of Anosike, 6-8 sophmore center Tyler Lang (Franklin) and senior guard Allen Reid (Southbridge).

When Anosike wasn't swatting shots he was altering them, as Westfield shot just 35 percent from the field (27-for-77). On the offensive end, Anosike was 5-for-11 from the field but he canned 13 of 15 free throws to lead all players in scoring.

Reid scored 20 points, including 15 in the second half, while Lang contributed nine points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin (Brighton) led the Owls with 17 points. Junior foreward Mike Jurkowski (Belchertown) posted another double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds; he also had four steals and four assists.

Worcester 70 – Westfield 61

WORCESTER – Junior guard Tyson Drayton scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Worcester State to a 70-61 victory over Westfield State.

Worcester led 33-28 at halftime and held single-digit leads for the entire second half. The closest the Owls drew was within a point, 60-59, when senior forward Vaso Jaukovic nailed a 3-point basket from the top of the key with 2:54 remaining.

But the Owls were unable to come up with the big stop and make their shots as they were outscored 10-2 in the final two and a half minutes.

Worcester State quickly regained its four-point edge, 63-59, when senior forward Jermaine Cannon (Dorchester) converted an old fashioned 3-point play with 2:28 remaining.

Junior forward Ralph Frazier (Carver) was Worcester's only other player in twin digits with 13 points. Senior forward Tom Sullivan scored eight point and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Freshman guard Tony Collier (Colchester, VT) led Westfield with 18 points. Junior forward Mike Jurkowski (Belchertown) posted a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, but he struggled around the key against the tall Worcester frontcourt, canning only 4 of 16 field goal attempts. Junior reserve forward James Ogbunize tallied 10 points.

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Former HV guards making a difference in MASCAC

By Scott Barrett
North Adams Transcript

Walking off the stage at Hoosac Valley's graduation ceremony in June 2003, Chad Misiuk's life was pretty good. Just three months prior, the 5-foot-7 point guard led the boys' basketball team to its first ever Division 2 Western Mass. title and set the all-time scoring record for Berkshire County with 1,584 points. His college plans were all set; he was headed for Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., slated to be a strong contributor for the school's hoop squad.

But things changed when Misiuk arrived on campus. The freshman saw plenty of minutes when incumbent point guard Colin Bray was out for the first semester because of academic ineligibility, but soon watched as his playing time diminished when the then sophomore returned to the lineup. It certainly wasn't like his rookie campaign at Hoosac Valley, a season where he averaged 14 points per game and was an integral part of a Hurricane team that advanced to the finals of the WMass Tournament.

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Brian Skiffington, another Hoosac Valley guard who graduated in 2004, wasn't as highly recruited as Misiuk out of high school, but showed plenty of skill on the hardwood during his junior year. A reserve that season, Skiffington worked relentlessly during the offseason in preparation for this final campaign, taking part in camps and clinics and speaking with college coaches. One of those coaches was Fitchburg State's Shawn Conrad, who was in constant contact with Skiffington through the summer and into his final year.

A serious car accident, however, nearly put his collegiate plans on the shelf. On the afternoon of Dec. 23, 2003, Skiffington was returning from the mall when he fell asleep at the wheel and moved into oncoming traffic, striking another car. After immediate surgery, he was informed the doctors had to remove his spleen and his high school career was over. At that point, the shooting guard was averaging 20 points per game.

But constant work helped Skiffington

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Hoosac: Grads playing in MASCAC

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salvage the season. He was initially told he could comeb back Feb. 3, but his improvement was so rapid he returned to the court Jan. 22, less than a month after the accident. It didn't take long for him to regain his form, and Conrad was soon in the stands, watching a prospective college player wearing No. 12.

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Over the summer, Misiuk thought about his future with Colby-Sawyer and the fact that his father, after 20 years with the Lanesboro police department, retired. The yearly cost at the New Hampshire college wasn't cheap, and Misiuk was still unhappy with his playing time. So early last semester, he decided to transfer.

He placed a call to Westfield State coach Rich Sutter, who recruited Misiuk out of Hoosac Valley, and it didn't take long for the head coach to accept. Misiuk didn't play the first semester at Colby-Sawyer, and began going to class and practicing with Westfield in early January.

In eight games, Misiuk is averaging 1.5 points in 13 minutes per game as the team's point guard. He comes off the bench behind freshman Steve Martins, but that doesn't trouble him whatsoever. Realizing he is the new kid on the block, Misiuk is just happy to be playing again.

"[Martins] is a good guy, and it doesn't matter who plays," Misiuk said. "I didn't know what it was going to be like coming in the second week of January, but everything has been great. The guys have accepted me."

A dominant scorer in high school, Misiuk has found that he doesn't need to score in college but rather play the point guard position as it was meant to be.

"My job on the court is to get the ball to big guys, don't turn the ball over and play defense," he said. "In college, the point guard isn't supposed to score. I'd rather get a guy an open shot than hit a 3-pointer any day."

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Skiffington is basking at the collegiate level as a Falcon. Seeing 15 minutes of action per game, the guard is netting nearly five points a contest, pouring in 15 against local foe Massachusetts College Jan. 27. He's started five of the 19 games, and is finding himself to be a stable piece to the puzzle. But with a record of just 4-15, Skiffington says things can get frustrating.

"As a team, we're now just starting to see what everyone can do," he said.

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The two MASCAC newcomers squared off in a contest on Jan. 22, with Skiffington having the better stats but Misiuk's Owls getting the victory. With his former teammate guarding him, Skiffington scored 12 points, dished out three assists and grabbed four rebounds, while Misiuk scored four points and handed out three assists in 11 minutes. The teams meet again Feb. 12 in Fitchburg.

"It was fun playing against him," Skiffington said. "I think I had the better game, but his team got the win. I've always wanted to play against [former teammates] and it was awesome when I finally got to."

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Christina Krahforst/North Adams Transcript

Former Hoosac Valley standout Chad Misiuk has been a strong addition to the Westfield State men's basketball team since transferring from Colby-Sawyer in January.

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Swimming Team Finishes 8-2 For 12th Straight Winning Season

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team concluded its regular season with a 137-103 victory over Regis College on Feb. 8.

The Owls finished with an 8-2 dual meet record for their 12th straight winning season. The team's next competition is Feb. 18-20 at the New England Championships at Bentley College.

Junior standout Vanessa Morton was a triple winner for the second straight meet, placing first in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and the 100 individual medley. Junior Lindsey Bartosz won the 50 and 100 backstrokes and was a member of the winning 200 medley relay, while sophomore Marianne Wilson won both diving events.

Also finishing first were: Chrissy Lalli, 1000 freestyle; Renee Kruszyna, 200 freestyle; Heather Nelson, 100 butterfly; and Katie Piquette, 100 breaststroke.

Senior Nicole Spataro finished second in three events (100 buttefly, 100 backstroke, 100 IM) and was a member of the winning 400 free relay squad.

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Seniors on the Westfield State swimming and diving team, left to right: Heather Nelson, Clare Cournoyer, Nicole Spataro, and Elizabeth Predella. Missing is Kelly Springham.

FIRST PLACE:

200 medey relay, 2:09.75, (Lindsey Bartosz, Katie Piquette, Renee Kruszyna, Melissa Blain); Chrissy Lalli, 1000 freestyle (12:34.08); Renee Kruszyna, 200 free (2:10.71); Lindsey Bartosz, 50 backstroke (31.09); Heather Nelson, 100 butterfly (1:08.52); Vanessa Morton, 50 freestyle, (26.02); Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving, (159.30); Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle (56.92); Lindsey Bartosz, 100 backstroke (1:07.58); Katie Piquette, 100 breaststroke (1:16.92); Marianne Wilson, diving (176.20); Vanessa Morton, 100 individual medley (1:06.78); 400 free relay (Kelly Springham, Elizabeth Predella, Nicole Spataro, Heather Nelson), 4:42.06.

SECOND PLACE:

Rachel Webb, 1000 freestyle (1:25.94); Kara Phelan, 200 freestyle (2:15.80); Nicole Spataro, 100 butterfly (1:08.98); Nikki Crowe, one-meter diving (152.55); Nicole Spataro, 100 backstroke (1:08.96); Elizabeth Predella, 50 butterfly (30.75); Nikki Crowe (diving), 151.05); Nicole Spataro, 100 individual medley (1:13.87); 400 freestyle relay, 4:46.75, (Bridget Hartley, Megan O'Grady, Allison St. Clair, Laura Bourassa).

THIRD PLACE:

200 medley relay, 2:11.32, (Kara Phelan, Bridget Hartley, Shannon McMahon, Jaclyn Casali); Kaitlyn Campbell, 50 backstroke (34.15); Shannon McMahon, 50 breaststroke (38.76); Allison St. Clair, 50 freestyle (28.58); Jaclyn Casali, 100 freestyle (1:01.84); Jaclyn Casali, 100 individual medley (1:49.8).

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Ringing it in

Owls cruise to New Year's tourney crown

Westfield

By **SEBASTIAN STOCKMAN**
Sentinel Staff

Ring in the New Year Tournament
At Keene State's Spaulding Gym
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Championship: Keene St. 81, Manhattanville 46
Consolation: Westfield St. 71, Albany College of Pharmacy 52

Well, that was easy.

The Keene State College women's basketball team scheduled a holiday tournament, invited three other teams to it, then wiped the floor with its guests.

The Owls won the championship of their inaugural Ring in the New Year tournament Sunday afternoon with an 81-45 victory over Manhattanville College at Spaulding Gym.

The win gave the Owls a combined 77-point margin of victory over their two weekend opponents; Saturday, they beat Albany College of Pharmacy 87-47.

"We had a lot of unsung heroes today," Keene State Coach Keith Boucher said. "(Junior guard) Bekka Hopkins played great defense, which doesn't show up in the box score, Sarah Begnoche is very consistent. ... Katy Emmons, she's getting better and better."

But Emmons, a freshman, wasn't so unsung this weekend. Her 12 points and 10 rebounds in the title game earned her the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

"She was a force on the boards today," Boucher said of the rookie from Boxboro, Mass. "She's taking another step forward every day."

Emmons was self-effacing about the honor.

"I'm surprised," she said. "I think we all worked as a team and made sure we got some rebounds. I think I'm fitting in real well. Everything seems to be falling into place. I'm getting more and more confident."

Emmons and sophomore Caitlin Jamiel — who fouled out with 15 minutes left in the game — had to fill in for junior forward Stacey Morse. The Owl starter was a late scratch, after noticing a tweak in her back last night.

"And this morning she couldn't move her leg," Boucher said.

Morse was in uniform (and moving her leg) Sunday afternoon, but the Owls don't expect her to play this week, which is an unfortunate break for Keene State.

The Owls host RPI on Tuesday and then visit the Little East Conference's consensus preseason No. 1 pick, Southern Maine, on Saturday.

In that sense, the Owls were glad to get Emmons and Jamiel some court time.

"When one of your best players can't play, the question is, how are you going to react?" Boucher said. "I think we did well today. We're getting contributions from a lot of different people."

In addition to Emmons, the Owls got 12-point efforts from Jamiel and Brianne Barnes. Megan Lane added 11 points on 3-for-4 shooting from 3-point range.

Their first half shooting from downtown is what allowed the Owls to build up their 18-point halftime lead. Unlike Saturday's opponent, Manhattanville didn't roll over for the Owls. The

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Valiants led 13-12 with 14 minutes to go in the first half.

But, the Owls shot 41 percent from beyond the arc to build their lead.

"If they collapse inside, the guards need to step it up," said Barnes, whose back-to-back threes near the end of the first half put the Owls up 38-19. "Everyone has to hit her open shot."

As for the loss of Morse in advance of a tough week, Barnes was hopeful.

"It's a big loss for us," said Barnes, who also made the all-tournament team. "Emmons and Jamiel came in and played well today. I think we have a great chance against both teams."

Notes

In the tournament's consolation game, Westfield State beat Albany College of Pharmacy 71-52. Each of Westfield's starters scored in double figures. ... The other members of the all-tournament team were Westfield State's **Katie Simonds**, Albany's **Randi Maurer** and Manhattanville's **Sara Kinsley** and **Kait Herman**.

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Men's Basketball Rallies To Defeat Fitchburg

Feb 2005

FITCHBURG – Westfield State rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit to edge Fitchburg State, 69-66.

The Owls improved to 11-10 overall and 6-4 in the Mass. State Conference with the comeback victory. Fitchburg fell to 5-17 and 2-7.

The Owls again struggled on the road, and took their first lead, 28-27, on a lay-in by James Ogbunze (Springfield) with 3:37 remaining in the first half. But Fitchburg outscored Westfield, 8-0, the remainder of the half to take a 35-28 advantage at the intermission.

Westfield made another run early in the second half, closing to within two points, 39-37, on a 3-point basket by freshman guard Tony Collie (Colchester, VT). But powered by the inside play of senior forward Rashad Cope (Roxbury), Fitchburg took its biggest lead, 53-41, on a Cope layup with 10:28 remaining.

The Falcons held a 59-50 lead with 6:47 remaining when the Owls exploded for a 16-0 scoring spree over the next three and a half minutes to take a 66-59 lead.

Sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon's (Ellington, CT) 3-point bucket tied the score at 59-all with 4:30 remaining. A Collier layup gave Westfield a 61-59 lead, which was followed by another 3-pointer by Illangakoon and a layup by sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin.

Fitchburg then went on a 7-0 run to tie the score, capped by a lay-in by Cope with 43 seconds left.

Westfield's game-winning shot was a tip-in by Ogboin with 20 seconds remaining. Freshman guard Steve Martins (Westfield), who missed the driving layup that Ogboin tipped in, made 1 of 2 free throws with seven seconds remaining. Fitchburg's Jim Prignano's 3-point attempt near the top of the key at the buzzer was just off the mark and Westfield escaped with its third road victory of the season.

Cope poured in 27 points, one shy of his career high; however, he was held to just two points in the final 7:49. Cope was 13 for 18 from the field and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Collier led Westfield's balanced scoring with 14 points, followed by Ogbunize (13), Ogboin (12) and Vaso Jaukovic (11). Jaukovic, a graduate student, now has 985 career points.

Freshman guard Betty Dely of Waltham has played well for the women's basketball team this year. Dely canned a clutch 3-point basket to lead the Owls to a 60-51 victory over Albertus Magnus. *Photo By Mike Coughlin*

Freshmen Lead Owls

WESTFIELD – Freshman guards Betty Dely of Waltham (11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 blocks, 4 steals) and Melissa Macchi of Peabody (16 points, 5 assists) led Westfield State to a 60-51 victory over Albertus Magnus in a non-conference women's basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Westfield is 9-12 with two games remaining in the season; Albertus is 10-12.

The Owls had to withstand a second-half comeback by the New Haven college. Westfield led 33-29 at halftime and by 14 points, 51-37, with 8:12. Albertus, which only shot 22 percent from the field in the second half, then went on a 14-2 run to close to within two points, 53-51, with 2:10 remaining.

Westfield then got a game-clinching bucket from Dely, who calmly drilled a 3-pointer from the top of the key – three feet beyond the arc – with 54.3 seconds left. The Owls made four free throws in the closing seconds.

Westfield's other top performer was junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) with 11 points, seven assists and five steals. Westfield leading scorer and rebounder Amanda Chapin (Westfield) did not play after sustaining an ankle injury late in the first half; she finished with six points and six rebounds.

The Owls received a big boost off the bench from junior Natalia Araszkiewicz (Framingham), who had a team-high 13 rebounds, and freshman center Rebeka Lent (Belchertown) with seven points and five boards.

Senior guard Tara Cruz (Wallingford, CT) had 16 points and five assists for Albertus Magnus. Senior forward Natalia Perlaza (West Haven, CT) totaled 12 points, 18 rebounds and five assists.

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Central grads shine for WSC football

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WESTFIELD – Springfield Central High School graduates Don Jones and Jessie Holmes recently finished their outstanding football careers at Westfield State College.

Jones rushed for 3,126 yards on 780 carries for the Owls over the past four seasons. He scored 25 touchdowns and also had 18 pass receptions for 66 yards.

Holmes, a two-time all conference defensive end and three-year starter, racked up 146 tackles, 22 quarterback sacks, 45 tackles for losses, eight fumble recoveries, five fumbles caused and three blocked kicks during his stellar collegiate career. He set a school record with 14 sacks in 2003.

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Owls Fare Well At Alliance Indoor Track Finals

GORHAM, Me. – The Westfield State women's and men's indoor track and field teams finished third and fourth, respectively, in the New England Alliance championships held Feb. 12 at the University of Southern Maine.

"It was an outstanding meet to participate in," said Westfield State veteran track and field coach Sean O'Brien. "There were a lot of excellent times and distances from all the colleges. They (times and distances) were much better than last year."

Led by senior sensation Tessa Donoghue, the Westfield women compiled 82.5 points to trail Southern Maine (232) and Keene State (182) in the 10-team meet that consisted of colleges from the Mass. State and Little East Conferences.

Donoghue accounted for more than a half of the Owls' points. The Springfield Cathedral graduate won the 400 (1:00.32), long jump (18-0), and triple jump (36-7 1/2), and placed second in the high jump (5-2) and third in the 200 (26.93).

Junior Heather Wenninger of Chicopee placed third in the 3000 meter run (11:35.56) and seventh in the 1500. Junior Marissa Blume (Westwood) finished fifth in the 1500 and seventh in the 1000.

In the highly competitive men's meet, Southern Maine won the title with 109 points, followed closely by Keene State (103), Eastern Connecticut (89.5), Westfield (86), and Worcester State (82).

Winning individual championships for the Owls were junior David Richardson (Beverly) with an outstanding effort of 6-8 in the high jump; junior Shawn McCorquodale (Athol) in the long jump (21-11), and senior Peter King (Athol) in the shot put (51-1 1/2).

McCorquodale also placed second in the triple jump (43-1 3/4). Freshman Matt Shannon (Wilbraham) finished fourth in the long jump (21-1 1/2) and fifth in the high jump (6-2). Senior Stan Pa'u (Ayer) placed fourth in the shot put and fifth in the 20-pound weight throw, while junior Eric Kelly (Reading) was eighth in both the 200 dash and 55 hurdles.

Freshmen twin brothers Andy and John Messer (Westfield High School) placed seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 1000 meter run.

Senior Heather Nelson competes in the butterfly event during Westfield State's final home meet on Feb. 8. Nelson is one of 14 Westfield State swimmers who qualified for the New England championships, which were held Feb. 18-20 at Bentley College. *Photo By Mike Coughlin*

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McCorquodale Richardson, King Claim First Places

New England Alliance Indoor Trackand Field Championhiships At University of Southern Maine, Feb. 12, 2005

MEN'S STANDINGS: Souther Maine 109; Keene State 103; Eastern Connecticut State 89; WESTFIELD STATE 86; Worcester State 82; UMass Dartmouth 65; Rhode Island College 52; Fitchburg State 34; Bridgewater State 24.5; Salem State 17.

FIRST PLACE: David Richardson, high jump, 6-8; Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 21-11; Peter King, shot put, 51-1 1/2.
THIRD: Shawn McCorquodale, triple jump, 43-1 3/4.
FOURTH: 4 x 800 Relay, 8:43.64; Matt Shannon, long jump, 21-1 1/2; Stan Pa'u,shot put, 43-3 1/2.
FIFTH: Nate Cristofori, 600, 1:26.65; Matt Shannon, high jump, 6-2; Matt Dissell, shot put, 42-9 1/4; Stan Pa'u, weight throw, 43-3.
SIXTH: Zak Bitzer, 400, 52.62; 4 x 400 Relay, 3:34.11; Dave Bergeron, triple jump, 41-4 1/2.
SEVENTH: Erik Peterson, 800, 2:11.95; Andy Messer, 1000, 2:41.63; Sean Marino, high jump, 6-0; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 41-3/4.
EIGHTH: Eric Kelly, 200, 23.74; Robbie Crossman, 400, 53.03; John Messer, 1000, 2:46.24; Eric Kelly, 55 Hurdles, 9.87.

Donoghue Dominates Women's Meet

New England Alliance Indoor Track and Field Championships At University of Southern Maine, Feb. 12, 2005

WOMEN'S STANDINGS: Southern Maine 232; Keene State 182; WESTFIELD STATE 82.5; Rhode Island College 68; Worcester State 42.5; Eastern Connecticut State 32l Fitchburg State 17; UMass Dartmouth 15; Bridgewater State 13; Salem State 10.

FIRST PLACE: Tessa Donoghue, 400, 1:00.32; Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 18-0; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 17-6 1/2.
SECOND: Tessa Donoghue, high jump, 5-2.
THIRD: Tessa Donoghue, 200, 26.93; Heather Wenninger, 3000, 11:35.56.
FOURTH: 4 x 200 Relay, 1:54.19; 4 x 800 Relay, 11:14.02.
FIFTH: Marissa Blume, 1500, 5:21.40; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0.
SIXTH: Lindsey Nowlan, 1000, 3:26.42; Jess Ekness, 55 Hurdles, 9.61; 4 x 400 Relay, 4:46.21.
SEVENTH: Marissa Blume, 1000, 3:26.55; Heather Wenninger, 1500, 5:29.53; Kristin Bodner, 3000, 11:57.96.

Richardson, Donoghue Capture NE Crowns

Junior David Richardson and senior Tessa Donoghue won individual titles at the New England Division III indoor track and field championships held Feb. 19.

Richardson - who only stands 5-9 and weighs 152 pounds - won the high jump by scaling the bar at 6-7. The Beverly native's personal best is 6-8. Donoghue won the long jump with an effort of 17-8 1/4 despite twisting her ankle in practice last week. The standout from Springfield Cathedral High School competed in one other event, placing fourth in the high jump (5-1 3/4).

Also earning All New England honors were senior Peter King (Athol) in the shot put, junior Shawn McCorquodale (Athol) in the long and triple jumps, and senior Jen Howard (Hanson) in the high jump.

King reset the school record in the shot by finishing third with a toss of 52-1 1/4. McCorquodale finished fifth in the long jump with a personal best of 22-2 1/4 and placed eighth in the triple jump (42-10 3/4). Howard was eighth in the high jump, clearing 4-11 3/4.

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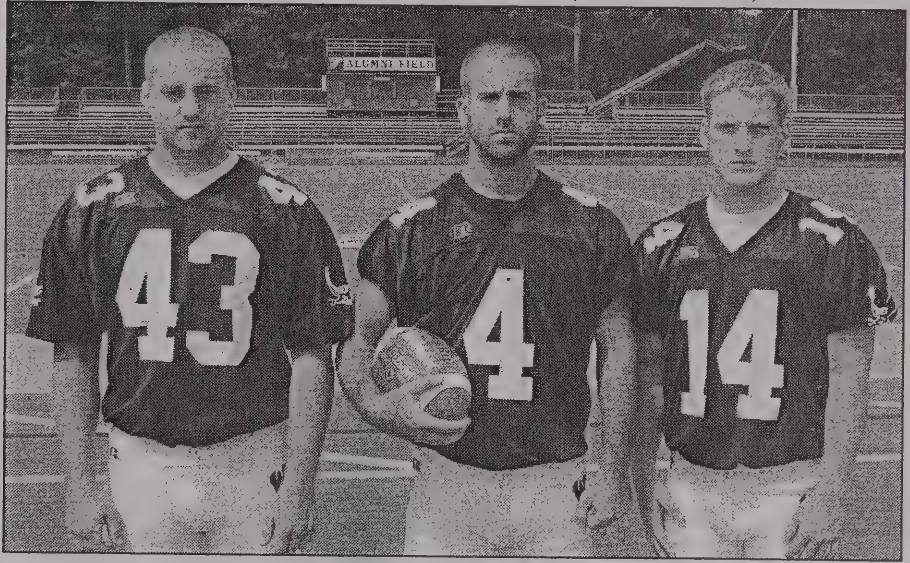
Chicopee natives help Owls to fourth straight winning season



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(From left) Freshman fullback Chet Kubetin, junior wide receiver Tim Tontonoz, and freshman wide receiver Billy Stewart were members of the Westfield State College football team that finished with a 5-4 record for its fourth straight winning season. Tontonoz, who played at Chicopee High School, was the Owls' fourth leading receiver with 14 catches for 145 yards and two touchdowns. Kubetin and Stewart played at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

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Vaso Scores 1000th Point

Honored during the men's basketball Senior Day were, left to right: Vaso Jaukovic, Ryan Bowler and statistician/manager Vanessa Charlot.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

WESTFIELD – Sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin (Brighton) had 23 points and graduate student Vaso Jaukovic (Serbia/Montenegro) scored his 1,000th career point in Westfield's 94-66 victory over MCLA on Feb. 19.

Jaukovic had 996 points entering the game and quickly reached the magic milestone on a 17-foot jumper from the top of the key at the 16:31 mark. He finished with 10 points, including a resounding breakaway slam dunk with 2:49 remaining in the game.

MCLA trailed by 17 points, 50-33, at halftime, but the Trailblazers closed to within nine, 61-52, with 13:39 remaining. With Ogboin and Jaukovic sidelined with four fouls, and two starters (Steve Martins, Mike Jurkowski) sitting out the game with injuries, the Westfield reserves thwarted the comeback.

Six Westfield players scored in double figures, including freshman guard Andy Deffer (Beverly) with 14 points. Deffer was a perfect 5-for-5 from the field and 3-for-3 from the foul line. Ogboin also shot well from the floor (9-11) and foul line (5-5).

Women's Basketball
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WESTFIELD – Junior Amanda Chapin posted her 17th double-double (14 points, 11 rebounds) of the season and set a school rebounding record in Westfield State's 49-29 victory.

Chapin, a Westfield native, set the new school standard for rebounds per game (12.34) in a season; the 5-9 forward is currently ranked seventh nationally in NCAA Division 3. The former school record was held by Ellen Carey, who averaged 12.26 rebounds per game in 1991.

Westfield finished its season with an 11-12 overall and 5-7 in the Mass. State Conference.

Freshman point guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody) had another fine outing for the Owls with 10 points, 3 assists and 6 steals.

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Grant is all-conference pick

Former Sandwich High School cross country star Kim Grant was named all-Mass. State Conference as a freshman running for Westfield State College. Grant placed seventh in the MASCAC championships.

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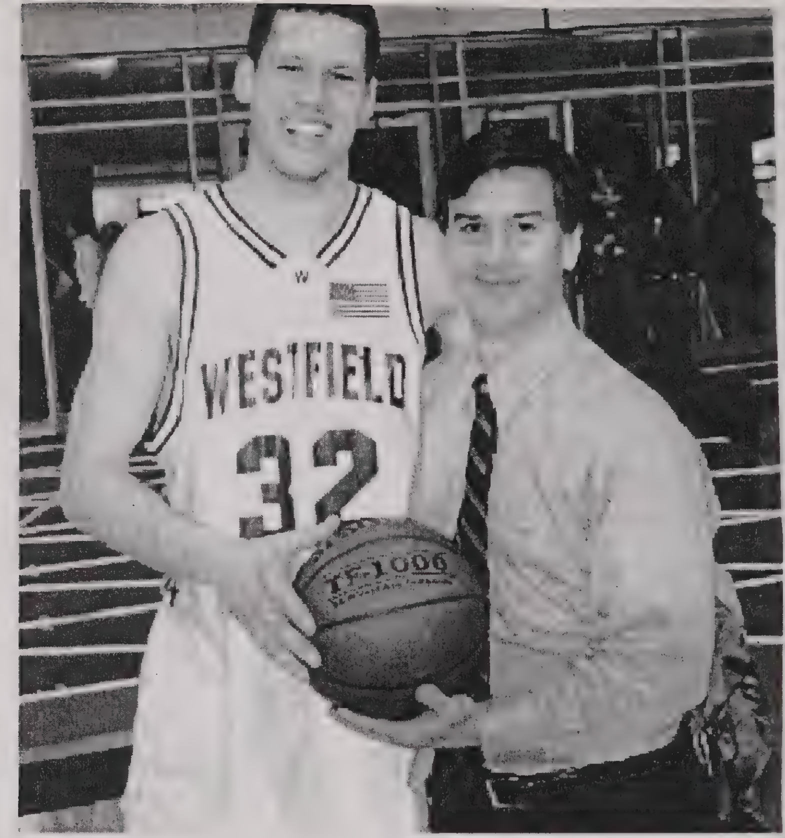

Westfield State men's basketball coach Rich Sutter presents the game ball to Vaso Jaukovic, who scored his 1000th career point on Feb. 19.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Jaukovic, Chapin Selected To ESPN Academic Teams

Westfield State College's Vaso Jaukovic and Amanda Chapin have been selected to the ESPN The Magazine 2005 Academic All-America College Division All-District I basketball teams.

Jaukovic was a first-team selection and is eligible for national Academic All-America honors. Chapin was a third-team pick.

The academic teams were chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). District I includes Division 2 and Division 3 colleges in New England, New York, and five provinces in northeast Canada.

"This is a very prestigious honor for Vaso and Amanda, who are true scholar-athletes," said Westfield State men's basketball coach and assistant athletics director Rich Sutter. "They are a reflection of the type of students we want to recruit to Westfield State."

"This is the highest honor bestowed upon student-athletes by CoSIDA," said Mickey Curtis, Westfield State sports information director. "You have to be a truly outstanding scholar-athlete to even be considered for this honor."

Jaukovic earned an undergraduate degree in economics last spring with a 3.87 cumulative grade point average. He is now a graduate student in the public administration program.

Jaukovic's hometown is Niksic in the states of Serbia and Montenegro. This season he is averaging 13.2 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He had 1,006 career points heading into last Wednesday's game at Salem.

Chapin is a Westfield native who attended Suffield Academy. The Westfield State junior English major has a 3.69 grade point average. She leads Westfield in both scoring (12.2 points per game) and rebounding (12.3 per game). She ranks seventh nationally in rebounding in NCAA Division 3

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Bates runs for Westfield State, Driscoll plays field hockey

Caitlin Bates of Harwich was a member of Westfield State's Massachusetts State Conference cross country champions. She placed eighth for Westfield State and 15th overall at the championship meet hosted by Fitchburg College at Coggshall Park. Bates covered the 3.1 mile course in 23:30. She's a junior at Westfield State.

Sadie Driscoll of Brewster was a senior back on the 11-6 field hockey team. Driscoll started 15 of their 17 games.

2004-2005

Swim Teams Places 7th At New England Finals

Feb 2005

WALTHAM – The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team finished seventh in the New England championships on Feb. 18-20 at Bentley College.

It was Westfield's best finish ever in the New England finals. The Owls also tied a school record for winning percentage and most victories in a season with an 8-2 dual meet mark for their 12th straight winning season.

"Everybody swam well for us," said veteran coach Dave Laing. "As they say in the swim vernacular, we hit the taper at the right time."

Junior standout Vanessa Morton particularly peaked at the right time. She placed second in the100 freestyle in a school record time of 54.81.

"She was just touched out at the finish," said Laing.

Morton finished fourth in the 50 freestyle (25.59) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (2:04.06). The Wellfleet (Nauset Regional) native also was a member of four relay teams: 200 medley (sixth), 400 freestyle (seventh), 200 freestyle (eighth), and 800 freestyle (10th).

"Vanessa put it all together at the right time again this year and that was the key," said Laing

Sophomore Rachel Webb (West Springfield) finished fourth in the 200 butterfly (2:25.57) and 11th in the 1000 freestyle (1:53.2) and sophomore Marianne Wilson (Tewksbury) placed fifth in both the one- and three-meter diving events.

Laing also cited the performances of senior Nicole Spataro and sophomore Katie Piquette. Spataro shattered her personal best in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:29.54. Piquette earned points in three events: 50 breaststroke (10th), 200 breaststroke (10th), and 100 breaststroke (12th).

Women's Team Scores (Final): 1. Bentley 902, 2. Brandeis 754.5, 3. St. Michael's 544, 4. Keene State 541.5, 5. Colby Sawyer 540, 6. UMass-Dartmouth 537, **7. WESTFIELD STATE 442.5**, 8. Eastern Connecticut 345, 9. Bridgewater State 339, 10. Western Connecticut 332, 11. Plymouth State 163, 12. Univ. of New England 157, 13. Simmons 149.5, 14. Western New England 142, 15. St. Joseph, Conn. 106, 16. Salem State 101, 17. Roger Williams 100, 18. Regis 95, 19. Elms 58, 20. Norwich 48, 20. Gordon 48, 22. Wheelock 15.

SECOND: Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle, 54.81.

FOURTH: Vanessa Morton, 50 freestyle, 25.59; Rachel Webb, 200 butterfly, 2:25.57.

FIFTH: Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving, 281.55; Marianne Wilson, three-meter diving, 306.9.

SIXTH: 200 medley relay (Lindsey Bartosz, Katie Piquette, Vanessa Morton, Melissa Blain), 2:01.32; Vanessa Morton, 200 freestyle, 2:04.06.

SEVENTH: 400 freestyle relay (Melissa Blain, Renee Kruszyna, Lindsey Bartosz, Vanessa Morton), 3:55.53.

EIGHTH: 200 freestyle relay (Melissa Blain, Lindsey Bartosz, Renee Kruszyna, Vanessa Morton), 1:47.01; Nicole Spataro, 200 butterfly, 2:29.54.

NINTH: 400 medley relay (Nicole Spataro, Katie Piquette, Heather Nelson, Melissa Blain), 4:34.89; Lindsey Bartosz, 50 backstroke, 30.97.

10th: Katie Piquette, 50 breaststroke, 35.32; Renee Kruszyna, 50 butterfly, 29.84; 800 freestyle relay (Lindsey Bartosz, Renee Kruszyna, Rachel Webb, Vanessa Morton), 8:47.45; Katie Piquette, 200 breaststroke, 2:43.

11th: Kara Phelan, 200 backstroke, 2:24.36; Melissa Blain, 50 freestyle, 26.72; Lindsey Bartosz, 100 backstroke, 1:07.19; Rachel Webb, 1000 freestyle, 1:53.2.

12th: Katie Piquette, 100 breaststroke, 1:16.6; Melissa Blain, 100 freestyle, 59.17; Shannon McMahon, 100 individual medley, 1:09.88.

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Westfield State senior swimmers, left to right: Heather Nelson, Clare Cournoyer, Scott Munroe, Nicole Spataro, Elizabeth Predella. Missing is Kelly Springham.

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Costa has great season

Junior goalie Matt Costa of Chicopee (Chicopee High School) was a member of the Westfield State men's soccer team that posted an 8-6-2 record. Costa was named the team's MVP; he allowed 11 goals in 15 games games for an 0.87 average.

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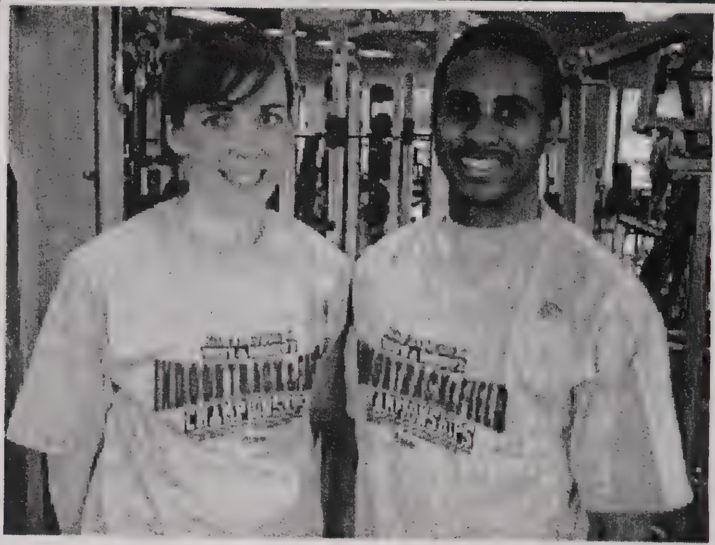

Tessa Donoghue and David Richardson

March 2005

Donoghue, Richardson All Americans

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Westfield State College senior Tessa Donoghue and junior David Richardson earned All America honors at the NCAA Division III indoor track and field national championships on March 11-12 at Illinois Wesleyan.

Donoghue placed second in the long jump and third in the triple jump, while Richardson was fifth in the high jump in earning his first All-America certificate. Donoghue is a 14-time All American; the Springfield Cathedral graduate was a 10-time All-American at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., before transferring to Westfield State last year. She earned All America honors for the Owls in the long and triple jumps during the 2004 outdoor season.

In Saturday's tense triple jump competition, Donoghue was in second place after the preliminary round as she tied her personal best of 39-9 1/4. Andrea Herbert of New Jersey City College's effort of 39-10 1/4 in the preliminary round was good enough to win the meet.

Donoghue fouled on all three of her attempts in the final round, while Doreen Nagawa of Wilmington College went 39-9 1/4 on her final attempt to earn second place.

In Friday's long jump competition, Donoghue's effort of 18-8 3/4 only trailed Kristal Grisby of the University of Thomas, who set a facility record with a jump of 19-2 1/2.

Richardson just qualified for the national meet and was seeded 13th. But the Beverly native proved that he belonged with a personal best of 6-8 3/4, and he just missed at 6-9.

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Bridgewater State rallies past Westfield State

BRIDGEWATER — Bridgewater State used a late second-half rally to defeat Westfield State, 67-62, in the Mass. State Conference men's basketball opener Tuesday.

After an evenly played first half which saw the score knotted at 34-34, Bridgewater seemed to play from behind for most of the second half until the dramatic final two minutes.

Trailing 62-61 with less than a minute and half to go, senior guard Brian Adamczyk (Chicopee, MA) came up with a big steal and broke in for an easy layup to give Bridgewater a 63-62 lead with 1:11 remaining.

After a defensive stand, BSC got the ball back and senior center Tim Ryan (Carver, MA) came up with a big offensive rebound that forced Westfield to foul. Adamczyk missed the front end of a one-on-one, but Ryan was there once again to grab another offensive board.

The Owls sent Ryan to the charity stripe and he responded by sinking both free throws to put BSC up 65-62 with 15.6 seconds left. After a missed Westfield 3-pointer, junior Cliff Furtado (Fall River, MA) iced the game with a pair of free throws to give the Bears the 67-62 victory.

Furtado led the way for Bridgewater State with 17 points, while senior Peter Santos (Fairhaven, MA) and freshman Tom Cuddihy (Scituate, MA) finished in double figures as well with 14 points and 11 points, respectively.

But it was the play of Ryan on the boards that helped BSC to ultimately pull out the win. He finished with a career-high 16 rebounds, eight off the offensive glass.

Westfield forward Vaso Jaukovic (Montenegro) led all scorers with 20 points on 9-of-14 shooting. He also pulled down 7 rebounds, and 15 of his 20 points came in the first half.

Westfield shot 48 percent from the field (22 for 46) but was only 1 for 8 from 3-point range. Bridgewater shot 39 percent, including 6 of 19 from beyond the arc. Westfield committed 24 turnovers, Bridgewater 20.

The Owls have two home games scheduled this week. On Thursday, Jan. 13, they host Curry College at 6:00, and Saturday, Jan. 15, they host Worcester State at 3.

LADY OWLS CLOBBERED: The Bridgewater State women's basketball team opened the conference schedule in convincing fashion as it cruised to a 73-38 win over Westfield State Tuesday.

BSC (8-4), took a commanding 42-20 lead into the locker room led by senior guard Katelyn Hart's (Somerset, MA) 15 first-half points. Hart finished with a game-high 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting and also added 4 assists and 3 rebounds.

Senior Erin Lantry (Fitchburg, MA), junior Meghan King (Cherry Valley, MA) and sophomore Catie Furtado (Taunton, MA) also scored in double figures for the Bears.

Lantry finished with a double-double as she connected for 11 points and 11 rebounds. King scored 10 points (8 in the second half) on 4-of-5 shooting, and Furtado added 12 points, 6 rebounds and 3 blocked shots.

Westfield (4-6) was led by junior Amanda Chapin (Westfield, MA) who scored 10 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. The Owls only shot 22 percent (13 for 59) from the field.

Westfield's next game is Saturday, Jan. 15, when it hosts Worcester State at 1 p.m. — ***Courtesy of Westfield State College Sports Information Department***

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The Westfield State College baseball team played several of its Florida trip games in Port Charlotte Stadium, the former spring traininig home of the Texas Rangers. The Owls posted a 4-6 record during their southern trip.
Photos By Mickey Curtis

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The Westfield State College softball team enjoyed both the sun and the sights during their spring break in Fort Myers. The team compiled a 3-5 record in Florida.

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AHS grad named to Mass. State All-Conference cross country team

WESTFIELD — Aimee Worcester, a Lakeville resident and graduate of Apponequet Regional High School, was recently named to the Massachusetts State All-Conference team as a senior member of the Westfield State College Owls women's cross country team.

As a tri-captain in 2004, Worcester helped lead the Owls to a first place showing at the Mass. State Conference Championships, held Oct. 23 at Coggshall Park in Fitchburg, MA.

Worcester took the sixth place overall at the meet and second among Westfield runners, trailing only teammate Heather Wenninger, who was second overall. The Owls placed 5 runners in the top ten to claim an emphatic victory with Worcester State College taking second place.

In addition to picking up All-Conference honors, Worcester won the Outstanding Contributor Award and the James Early Inspiration Award.

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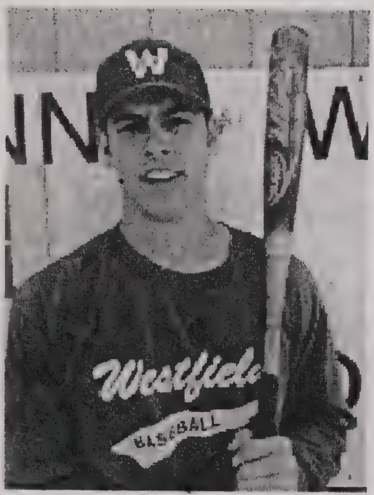

Player of the Week

Sophomore shortstop Troy Ferguson was named Mass. State Conference and ECAC New England co-Player of the Week. The Rochester, Mass., native hit .548 (17 for 31) in 10 games, with three doubles, a triple and a home run. He scored 13 runs and stole six bases.

The Westfield State College sotball and track and field teams begin working out at Alumni Field last week in preparation for their 2005 spring sports seasons. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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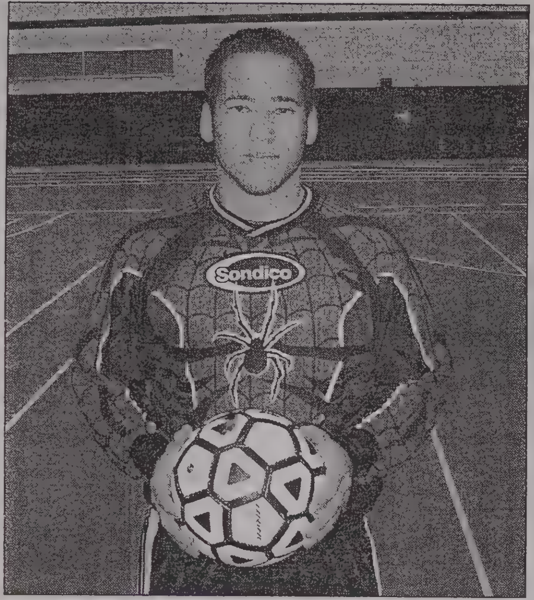

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Junior goalie Matt Costa of Chicopee (Chicopee High School) was a member of the Westfield State men's soccer team that posted an 8-6-2 record. Costa was named the team's MVP; he allowed 11 goals in 15 games games for an 0.87 average.

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Sophomore John Krzystofik was a member of the Westfield State men's cross country team that captured the Mass. State Conference championship during the 2004 fall season. The Chicopee High School graduate finished 19th in the cross country championships with a time of 26:44 on the 4.8 mile course at Fitchburg State College. He also is a member of the Westfield State indoor and outdoor track and field squads.

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Chicopee Register submitted photo

Junior Heather Wenninger led the Westfield State women's cross country team to the Mass. State Conference championship this past fall. The Chicopee Comp graduate earned all conference honors for the third straight season by placing second individually in the conference meet held at Fitchburg State. Wenninger also earned all-conference honors by placing second in the 11-team New England Alliance championships.

2004-2005

Hebert, Murphy Pace Owls Past Springfield In Baseball

April 2005

SPRINGFIELD – Sophomore catcher Chris Hebert (South Hadley) went 2 for 5, including a three-run homer, and junior J.P. Murphy (Pittsfield) pitched eight solid innings to lead Westfield State to a 10-3 victory over Springfield College on Monday, April 4.

The Owls scored five runs in the middle innings to take a 5-1 lead. Springfield scored twice in the bottom of the sixth, but Westfield put away the game with a five-run uprising in the ninth, sparked by Hebert's three-run homer.

Murphy hurled eight complete innings, scattering eight hits, striking out four, and issuing no walks.

The Owls collected nine hits and were aided by eight walks and five Springfield errors. Freshman second baseman Justin Parr – Westfield's No. 9 batter – was 2 for 3 with two RBI and two sacrifice hits. Freshman outfielder Matt Tirrell of Pittsfield was 2 for 3 with a double and three runs scored. Senior third baseman Matt Gurley was 2 for 4 with two runs scored.

Westfield's next game is Tuesday, April 12, when it hosts Becker at 3:30.

The Westfield State College softball team worked hard for two consecutive days to remove the large sheets of ice from the outfield to prepare for their home opener. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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WESTFIELD EVENING NEWS, Friday, January 14, 2005 -

Illangakoon leads Westfield State to victory

WESTFIELD – Sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, Conn.) scored a game-high 20 points to lead Westfield State to an 80-58 non-conference victory over Curry College on Thursday.

Illangakoon, who matched his career best, tallied 14 first-half points as the Owls (4-6) led 36-21 at intermission. Westfield quickly sealed the victory with a 13-0 run in the opening four minutes of the second half for a commanding 49-21 lead.

The Owls shot and passed the ball extremely well. They made 56 percent (32-for-57) of their field goal attempts, including 63 percent in the second half, and dished out 24 assists.

Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic played a fine floor game for the Owls with 13 points and team highs of nine rebounds and six assists. Junior forward Mike Jurkowski of Belchertown contributed 12 points, seven rebounds and three blocks.

Junior forward Raheim Lamb – a transfer from U-Mass Amherst – led the 3-6 Colonels with 19 points and nine rebounds. Curry only shot 31 percent from the field. — *Courtesy of Westfield State College SID*

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Emily Tangney slides safely into home, barely beating the tag applied by the Western Connecticut catcher, to score the game-winning run in the Owls' 7-1 victory over Western Connecticut in their home opener April 5.
Photo By Mike Coughlin

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Starters reach double digits in Owls' victory

Former Westfield Voc-Tech star nets 12

WESTFIELD — Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic (Montenegro) scored a game-high 22 points and junior forward Mike Jurkowski (Belchertown) had 16 points and a game-high 13 rebounds to lead Westfield State to a 78-67 conference victory over Worcester State on Saturday.

All five starters for Westfield (5-6, 1-1) scored in double figures. Sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, Conn.) had 14 points, including 10 in the first half, and four assists; freshman point guard Steve Martins (Westfield/Voke High School) contributed 12 points, three assists and three steals; and sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin (Boston) added 12 points and a team-high four steals.

The teams were tied at halftime, 38-38. Worcester State committed 16 first-half turnovers, but the Lancers shot 56 percent from the field, including 5-for-5 from 3-point range.

The Owls led for most of the second half, and took a 69-59 lead with 4:04 remaining on a 3-point basket by Martins. Westfield made enough free throws down the stretch and received several big offensive rebounds by Jurkowski to notch the home conference victory.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Worcester St. 49, WSC 42 (OT)

WESTFIELD – Senior forward Donna Zwemke (Ware, Mass.) scored a game-high 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds to rally Worcester State to a 49-42 overtime victory over Westfield State on Jan. 15.

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Softball Owls Split With Western Conn.

WESTFIELD – Westfield State and Western Connecticut State split a softball doubleheader on Tuesday, April 5, in the northern opener for both teams.

Westfield (4-6) won its home opener, 7-1, while Western Conn. (7-4) came back to win the nightcap, 4-1.

The Owls broke open a close game with a five-run uprising in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Junior shortstop Kara Doleva (Shutesbury) had two RBI, including a game-winning RBI single in the fourth inning. Senior catcher Liz Olivera rapped an RBI double to tie the score in the third inning.

Senior third baseman Casey Greggo was the only player with multiple hits in the Owls' eight hit attack; she was 2 for 2. Westfield also took advantage of six walks by three Western Connecticut pitchers.

Winning pitcher Leah Peterson allowed five hits and struck out two in going the distance.

Freshman second baseman Kristen Lugovich (West Haven, CT) collected two singles for the Colonials.

In Game Two, Western Connecticut outhit Westfield State, 11-2, in pulling away for a 4-1 triumph. The Colonials, who stranded 11 baserunners, broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the fifth inning.

Westfield scored a run in the bottom of the fifth and had the bases loaded with one out. But Western Connnecticut survived the scoring threat in a large part due to a sensational fielding play by third baseman Kaitlin Nocera on a wicked smash off the bat of Peterson.

Cortney Romyns ripped a triple and single for the winners. Lugovich also rapped two singles in the second game.

Sophomore Lindsey Adams (Westfield) pounded a double for one of the Owls' two hits.

Freshman Shelby Slie (Seymour, CT) went the distance for the mound win; she walked two and struck out six.

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WESTFIELD STANDOUT

Mansfield's Laura Scott was a member of the Westfield State College field hockey team that finished its season with an 11-6 record and shared the Mass. State Conference championship with Framingham State. Scott, a senior forward, was a second team selection on the all-conference team. She finished the team with four goals and six assists

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The Westfield State College softball and baseball fields feature new scoreboards in rightfield. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

April 2005

Track, Field Teams Open Season At Springfield

The Westfield State men's and women's track and field teams opened their outdoor season by competing in a meet at Springfield College on Tuesday, April 5.

No score was kept in the women's meet, but in men's action Springfield out-pointed Westfield, 129.5 to 63.5.

"I was pleased with our performances," said veteran coach Sean O'Brien. "We did much better than I thought we would."

Senior standout thrower Peter King was a triple winner, placing first in the hammer throw (129-7), discus (142-8) and shot put (50-11).

Also finishing for the Westfield men were: Dave Bergeron (javelin, 176-8) and Shawn McCorquodale (long jump, 22-1). Placing second were Eric Kelly (110 hurdles, 16.77), Matt Shannon (long jump, 20-10), Chris Flynn (triple jump), and Stan P'au (hammer throw, 126-0).

O'Brien was impressed with sophomore Jacques Moret's third-place clocking of 23.44 in the 200. Moret had never competed in track and field before this season.

Senior All American Tessa Donoghue was a double winner in the women's meet, placing first in the high jump (5-2) and long jump (18-2). Junior co-captain CC Costello won the javelin (117-11) and junior Heather Wenninger hit the tape first in the 5000 meter run (20:09.14).

Also running well was Kristin Bodner, who placed second in the 5,000 (20:57.66).

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Westfield St. 85, Fitchburg St. 64: The Owls enjoyed a good day shooting the ball as they easily defeated the Falcons.

Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic scored a game-high 26 points on 10 of 15 shooting to lead Westfield State (6-7, 2-2 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference).

Freshman forward Tony Collier hit 4 of 6 3-point attempts and scored 15 for the Owls. James Ogbunize chipped in with 11, and Ricky Ogboin added 10 as Westfield shot 48.5 percent from the floor.

The Falcons (2-13, 0-3) were held to 37 percent shooting and committed 23 turnovers. Fitchburg had a sizable advantage over Westfield on the boards, 49-34, including 21 offensive rebounds.

Fitchburg was led by Rashad Cope with 22 points and Nick Smith with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

WESTFIELD EVENING NEWS, Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Arra named WSC baseball coach

Ray Arra — a highly successful coach in Western Mass. for nearly 40 years — has been named acting head baseball coach at Westfield State College.

Arra was an assistant at Westfield State for the past two seasons, working primarily with the pitching staff.

A resident of Westfield, Arra restarted the Westfield American Legion program in 1966. He coached Legion baseball for 18 years, with stops at Needham, Westfield, Southwick and West Springfield. He also coached high school baseball at Westfield Vocational, East Longmeadow and Minnechaug Regional. In addition, he has coached in the Westfield Babe Ruth Leagues.

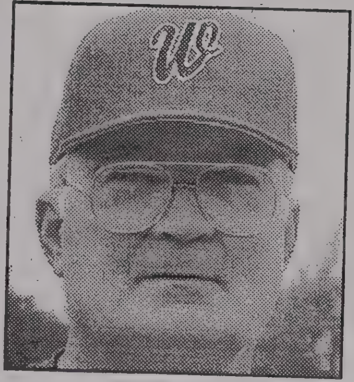
Arra, who recently retired after 32 years of teaching middle school, won more than 400 American Legion and high school games. His high school teams qualified for nine postseason tournaments and his Legion teams never finished below second place. He was inducted into the Massachuetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.

Prior to Westfield State, Arra coached baseball on the collegiate level for one year, 1991, as an assistant at American International College when the Yellow Jackets won the Northeast 10 title and played in the NCAA Division 2 College World Series.

Arra also has 16 years of coaching experience in high school basketball, and was an assistant coach at Westfield State for four years, from 1990-94, when the Owls qualified for one NCAA tournament and two ECAC tournaments.

A 1965 graduate of Westfield State, he was inducted into the college's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997. He starred in baseball and basketball at Westfield State, and was the baseball team's Most Valuable Player in 1963 and 1964 and a three-year co-captain. He led the Owls in hitting for three years and pitching for two years. Arra compiled a 14-4 career pitching record and batted .405 in 1963; .384 in 1962; and .357 in 1964.

Before coming to Westfield State, Arra was a standout in baseball, football and basketball at Needham High School, where he graduated from in 1959. He played professional baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates' Class D team in Hobbs, New Mexico, from 1960-61. Arra then served as a Western Mass. scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1966-73.


RAY ARRA

The Republican, Wednesday, January 26, 2005

WNEC stifles Westfield

The Golden Bears fell behind the Owls 13-0 before regrouping for their third straight victory.

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SPRINGFIELD – Western New England College isn't always so generous, but last night the Golden Bears spotted Westfield State College 13 points at the start of their game, then got stingy.

The Golden Bears (10-6) allowed their lowest point total of the season, holding the Owls (6-8) to only 34 points over the final 36 minutes, 18 seconds for a 67-47 win at the Alumni Healthful Living Center.

"We don't like to do that but we were a little fatigued," said WNEC senior forward Anthony Charbatji. "We got some good effort out of Deon Thomas and (Jason) Cardinal, they sparked us."

The Owls scored the first 13 points of the game as the Golden Bears had trouble hanging on to the ball. The shots they had were good ones, but did not fall.

Less than eight minutes later WNEC had the lead. Jon Godbout broke the scoreless string for the Bears with a 3-pointer. Malik Champlain scored inside, then Anthony Charbatji scored at the rim thanks to a strong offensive rebound and fine pass by Jim Bayne.

"Westfield is a very good team in a 94-foot game, and as much as you warn our team that they are going to try and lay the wood on you early on, we got caught," WNEC coach Mike Theulen said. "I credit the guys that came in. They made a stand and got us a little more alert."

After Mike Jurkowski (14 points) scored on a 3-point play for the Owls, WNEC scored the game's next 10 points. Jeremy Sternstein hit a 3-pointer, Jason Cardinal drove to the basket, Matt Gigliello dropped in a 3, and Champlain scored off an offensive rebound for a 17-16 lead.

Vaso Jaukovic (11 points, 12 rebounds) and Ricky Ogboin (10 points) scored on consecutive possessions for the Owls to take a 20-17 lead, but the Golden Bears went on another run, this one a 12-2 spurt that gave WNEC its largest lead at seven, 29-22.

The Owls trimmed the lead to 31-27 at the half, and Ogboin scored the first basket of the second half to make it a two-point game, but before four minutes were gone, the Golden Bears had the lead up to 12.

"Our game plan wasn't wrong, we just weren't performing," said Charbatji, who had 11 points. "Once we got settled down and focused, we knew where our strengths were, and we hit our strengths."

Westfield got as close as eight a couple of times, but WNEC did not give up any easy baskets. It was essentially a 10-point game the rest of the way, but the Owls began fouling early and rushing shots at the other end, and the score ballooned.

It was the third straight victory for the Golden Bears. Bayne had his ninth double-double for WNEC, scoring a game-high 15 with 12 rebounds. Malik Champlain added a career-high 10 points and Cardinal hit for a season-high nine.

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Westfield honors linebacker's career

By Marvin Pave
GLOBE STAFF

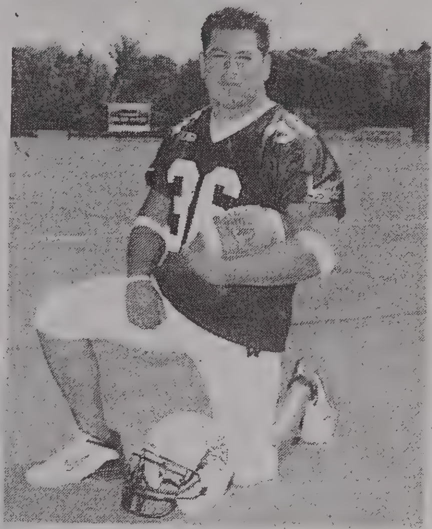
Where Are They Now?

Hard work and dedication paid off for Waltham's Dave Granados, who has been honored at Westfield State College with the 12th Player Award for varsity football.

"Dave greatly improved during his four years at Westfield State," said the team's head coach, Steve Marino. "He worked extremely hard and became a team leader on and off the field."

Last fall, the senior linebacker was Westfield's third leading tackler. He had 57 tackles, 30 of them solo, and his 27 assisted tackles led the Owls' squad, which posted a 5-4 record. He was also credited defensively with five tackles for losses, a half-sack, and a pass breakup.

During Granados's four winning seasons of college football, Westfield compiled a 30-11 record and participated in three New England Football Conference championship games (2001-03), winning once. The team won three State Conference titles and participated in the 2001 NCAA Tournament and 2002 Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament.



DAVE GRANADOS

Granados, a key member of the 2000 Waltham High team that won the Greater Boston League championship and advanced to the Division 1 high school Super Bowl game (a 7-0 loss to Bridgewater-Raynham), played in 38 games for Westfield State. He had college career totals of 143 tackles (80 solo), 16 tackles for losses, two sacks, three pass breakups, a blocked punt, and a fumble recovery.

Have a suggestion for Where Are They Now? Contact Marvin Pave at pave@globe.com or 508-820-4223.

WESTFIELD EVENING NEWS, Friday, January 28, 2005 - 1

Westfield State enjoys sweep

WESTFIELD – Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield/Suffield Academy) posted game highs of 18 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Westfield State College women's basketball team to a 47-37 victory over Framingham State on Thursday.

Westfield (5-9 overall, 1-4 conference) led 25-12 at halftime as Framingham shot just 20 percent from the field. The Rams (1-15, 0-6) closed to within seven points in the second half.

Westfield junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) scored 10 points and had game highs of four assists and six steals.

MEN'S HOOPS

WSC 71, Framingham State 65

WESTFIELD – Junior forward Mike Jurkowski (Belchertown) poured in a career-high 30 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds to power Westfield State to a 71-65 victory over Framingham State in a key Mass. State Conference game.

Framingham, which entered the game in first place, moved to 4-2 in the conference and 8-7 overall. The Owls are now 3-2 and 7-8.

The 6-4 Jurkowski was nearly unstoppable in the first half as he erupted for 20 points. He shot 10-for-13 from the field to stake the Owls to a 30-26 lead at the intermission. For the game he was 14-for-21 from the floor and also added three assists and three steals.

The Rams did take a short-lived 52-50 lead, but Westfield went ahead 61-54 with 2:40 remaining. Framingham closed to with two, 67-65, on a driving layup by senior Paul Tanglis (North Andover) with 59.7 seconds remaining.

Westfield sophomore reserve guard Chad Misiuk (Adams/Hoosac Valley) then made a huge basket – his only two points - just before the shot clock expired. He drove between two defenders and banked in a layup for a 69-65 Owl lead with 24 seconds remaining.

The Owls secured the big victory when freshman guard Steve Martins (Westfield/Westfield Voke) stole the ball, was fouled and sank two free throws with seven seconds remaining.

Martins scored 11 points and registered four steals. Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic (Serbia/Montenegro) finished with 12 points, all in the second half, including six straight free throws. Sparked by Jurkowski's spectacular game, the Owls shot 55 percent from the field.

The Republican, Friday, January 28, 2005

Owls notch first MASCAC win

Local roundup

By JASON REMILLARD
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Westfield State College, which shot only 17 of 55 from the field (30.9 percent) controlled the glass to the tune of 41-29 and converted that to a 47-37 women's basketball victory over visiting Framingham State last night.

Junior forward Amanda Chapin of Westfield posted a double-double with 18 points and 15 rebounds – 10 of those on the offensive end – as the Owls (5-9, 1-4) earned their first Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference win of the season.

Senior guard Jill Gendron of Feeding Hills had 9 points to lead Framingham State (1-15, 0-6), while sophomore guard Tina Siv of Easthampton chipped in with 8.

WNEC 52, W. Conn. St. 40: Western New England College's Lisa Masella – who grew up in Newtown, not far from the Danbury, Conn., campus of host Western Connecticut State – scored 12 points and had 14 rebounds. Chicopee's Laura Booth also had 12 points for the Golden Bears (10-4).

Springfield 82, MIT 61: At Cambridge, junior forward Courtney Parvin netted a career high 23 points as the visiting Pride (13-4, 6-1 NEWMAC) ran their winning streak to five games

Pace 64, AIC 45: At Pleasantville, N.Y., American International College continues to struggle without injured center Linda Pierre, dropping their fourth consecutive contest.

Sharmion Selman scored 14 of her game-high 20 points in the first half for the Yellow Jackets (16-5, 10-4 Northeast-10). Jen Nnanna had another commendable performance in Pierre's absence with nine points, five boards and two blocks.

Pace (13-7, 10-5) used 8 of 16 shooting from 3-point land to pull away, while AIC went 0 for 12 from beyond the arc.

Fitchburg St. 75, MCLA 40: At North Adams, Ashley Clark led host Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with 11 points and seven rebounds. Kristen Lewis chipped in with 10 points for the Trailblazers (5-11, 1-4 MASCAC).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Elms 86, Nichols 60: At Chicopee, senior Kyle Seyboth's 22 points leave him three shy of becoming the third player in Elms history to surpass the 1,000-point career mark.

AIC 78, Pace 63: At Pleasantville, N.Y., the Yellow Jackets rode 58.6 percent shooting in the first half to set the stage for the victory. John Huggins led four AIC (8-11, 4-10 NE-10) players in double figures with 24 points.

Westfield St. 71, Framingham St. 65: At Westfield, Mike Jurkowski paced the Owls (7-8, 3-2) with a game-high 30 points.

Norwich 63, WNEC 47: At Northfield, Vt., Jon Godbout led all scorers with 17 points, but visiting WNEC (10-7, 6-4 GNAC) could not hold onto an 8-point halftime lead. Norwich (10-5, 8-2) went on a 24-7 run to start the second half to pull away.

Keene St. 83, Springfield 69: At Keene, N.H., junior guard Derek Yvon scored 23 points, but Springfield (13-5) saw its three-game win streak snapped.

HOCKEY

WNEC 4, Stonehill 3: Kevin Leonard netted a natural hat trick to lift visiting WNEC to the victory. Brian Essig made 32 saves for the Golden Bears (3-11-1).

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Westfield St. 133, St. Joseph 112: Vanessa Morton and Kara Phelan were double-winners in the road victory at West Hartford, Conn.

Owls edge Trailblazers

By Scott Barrett
North Adams Transcript

NORTH ADAMS — Once the sting of defeat subsides, this loss could help the Massachusetts College men's basketball team. For the first time since their conference schedule began, the Trailblazers put forth a solid defensive effort, holding visiting Westfield State to just 69 points.

Men's basketball
Westfield 69
MCLA 64

But when push came to shove, MCLA couldn't get over the hump, allowing Owl center Vaso Jaukovic to hit a pair of long-range jumpers and missing a 3-pointer that could have tied the game in an eventual 69-64 loss Saturday afternoon at the Amsler Campus Center.

Nonetheless, it was certainly a move in the right direction.

"We talked about raising our level of intensity and putting ourselves in position to compete," MCLA head coach Devin Gotham said. "We were right there, we did the job, but we didn't get the bounces at the end."

The Trailblazers — who have lost five straight — fell to 6-10 overall and 0-6 in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, while Westfield improved to 8-8 and 4-2 in the league. These teams will meet again Feb. 19 in Westfield.

Robert Mitchell was one of three MCLA players in double-digits, scoring a team-high 18 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. J.P. Quintal netted 14 and Thad Broughton chipped in with 11. Jaukovic and Tony Collier led the Owls with 18 points apiece.

MCLA trailed by five at the break and found itself down by nine early in the second half, but a 15-2 run capped by a Mitchell 3-pointer from the corner gave the Trailblazers a 42-38 lead with 12:17 left in the game. Westfield responded with a 10-0 run of its own, taking a six-point advantage and forcing Gotham to call a timeout.

Brian Phillips, Mitchell and Adam Garner all connected on shots from behind the arc, the final one knotting the game at 55-55 with 6:10 remaining. Jaukovic put the Owls up for good with a putback, and after Mitchell missed a 3-point attempt, Gavin Illangakoon made it a four-point game with a pull up jumper.

Mitchell cut the deficit to one with a pair of free throws only to see Jaukovic hit a 18-foot jumper just to the right of the circle, pushing the lead back to three. Mitchell answered with a drive and layup, but Jaukovic was

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MCLA: Drops a tough one to Westfield

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good on his shot along the baseline, making it a 67-64 game with 51 ticks left.

With a chance to slash Westfield's deficit to one, Mitchell missed a layup and Quintal was called for an over-the-back foul. After Owl freshman Steve Martins missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, MCLA set up a final play to tie down by three with 19 seconds left.

The inbounds pass came to Mitchell just to the right the top of the key, and he let fly a 3-pointer from three feet beyond the arc. The shot hit the back rim and after a scramble ensued for the rebound, Westfield was given possession following a jump ball. Collier then hit two free throws to cement the win.

"We didn't have some of our best performances against our conference opponents the first time around, but gave Westfield everything we had," Gotham said. "This has been the first conference game where we really competed and did the things we need to do."

The Trailblazers took a 14-9 lead out of the gate, but Westfield responded with a 12-0 run over the next four and half minutes to go up 21-14. The teams went back and forth for the remainder of the half, with the Owls taking a 32-27 advantage into the locker room.

Tip-ins: Former Hoosac Valley standout Chad Misiuk scored two points, grabbed four rebounds and registered one assist and one steal in 23 minutes. ...MCLA was 11-for-26 from behind the arc.

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A rivalry renewed

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Former Drury standout and current MCLA guard Adam Garner dribbles upcourt while former Hoosac Valley and current Westfield State player Chad Misiuk defends Saturday afternoon at the Amsler Campus Center. Misiuk scored two points in 23 minutes of action in his return to the Berkshires.

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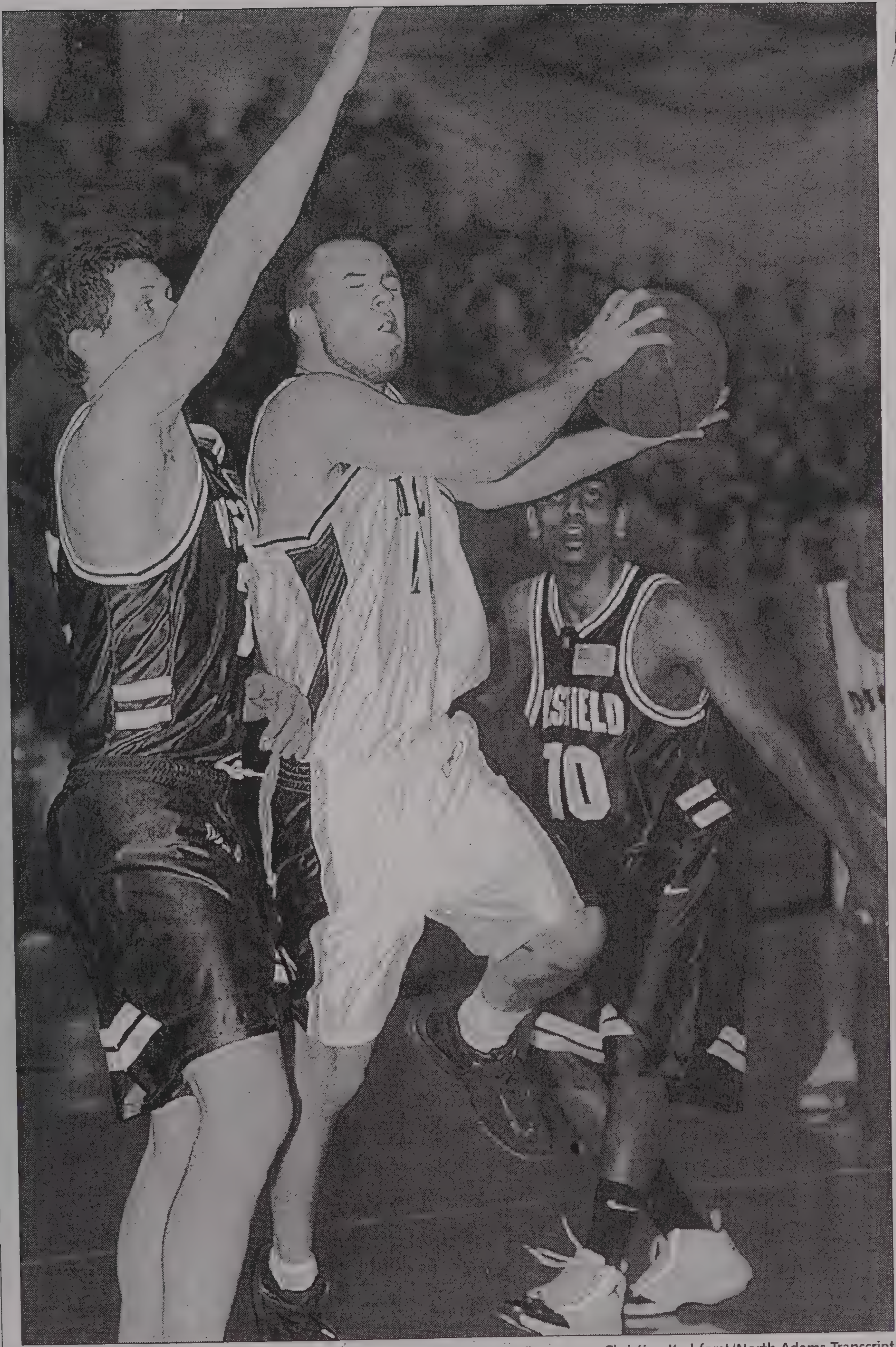

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MCLA forward Thad Broughton drives strong to the basket in front of Westfield Center Vaso Jaukovic during Saturday's action in North Adams.

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Westfield State College hits .500 mark

NORTH ADAMS - Senior forward Vaso Jaukovic and freshman reserve forward Tony Collier each scored 18 points to lead Westfield State to a 69-64 victory over MCLA on Jan. 29.

The Owls improved to 8-8 overall and 4-2 in the Mass. State Conference. They have a key conference game at home tonight when they host Bridgewater State at 8.

Westfield withstood a 3-point barrage by MCLA (6-10, 0-6) to pull out the road victory. More than half of the Blazer's points were scored from beyond the arc, as they made 11 of 26 trey attempts. Meanwhile, they were 12-for-41 inside the arc.

The Owls led 32-27 at halftime, but the Blazers went on a 15-6 spurt at the outset of the second half for a 42-38 lead. Westfield put together an 11-0 run to take a 49-42 lead with 9:44 remaining. Collier, who hails from Colchester, Vt., came off the bench to score nine of the points during the key second-half run.

MCLA regrouped to tie the score at 55-55 with 6:12 remaining as the Blazers drained three treys and converted several offensive rebounds into easy buckets. But the Owls received clutch shooting down the stretch from Jaukovic, Collier, sophomore guard Gavin Illangakoon (13 points) and junior forward Mike Jurkowski (10 points).

With Westfield clinging to one-point leads, the 6-7 Jaukovic nailed consecutive jumpers from the deep baseline with 1:22 and 0:57 remaining. Collier sealed the victory by canning two free throws with seven seconds remaining.

Westfield again shot well from the field: 52 percent, including 61 percent in the second half. Collier was 7-for-8 from the field, including 2-for-3 from 3-point range.

Robert Mitchell led MCLA with 18 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Westfield State 50, MCLA 33

NORTH ADAMS - Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield/Suffield Academy) posted another double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds for Westfield State College (6-9).

Former Westfield Voke standout Steve Martins, the starting freshman point guard for Westfield State College, is seen here recently. Martins is leading the MASCAC in steals with an average of 2.4 per game. The Owls host Bridgewater State on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in a key conference game. Both teams are tied for second place with 4-2 conference records.

(Photo courtesy of Westfield State College Sports Information Department)

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Westfield turns things around

By DICK BAKER
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Roundup

Point guard Meghan McCarthy of Belchertown dished out seven assists with only two turnovers to help Westfield State College turn the tables on Bridgewater State 55-51 in women's basketball action last night at Westfield.

In the first game between the teams earlier in the season, Bridgewater pounded the Owls 73-38.

Melissa Macchi paced Westfield (7-9, 3-4) with 13 points while McCarthy had 12, and Amanda Chapin and Betty Dely had 11 apiece.

McCarthy was 7 of 8 from the foul line while Chapin pulled down 13 rebounds to go with five steals.

Springfield 86, Williams 73: Freshman guard Tara McCarthy scored 22 points to lead the Pride in a non-conference contest at SC's Blake Arena.

McCarthy connected on 7 of 12 shots from the field, and hit 6 of 7 from the foul line as the Pride improved to 14-5.

Erin Schwartz scored 19, Courtney Parvin 16, and Kacey Wunsch 15 for the Pride, which held a 44-28 lead at the half.

Parvin converted 9 of 10 free throws, and LaToya Franklin chased down 10 rebounds for SC.

Maggie Miller had 26 points and 13 rebounds for the Ephs (15-5).

Holyoke Community 65, Quinsigamond 38: The Cougars (13-4) rolled to their eighth straight win as Shayna Phillips scored 24 points, and Kelly Koske and Marissa Gonzalez contributed 13 apiece.

WPI 72, Smith 40: Ann Hisken scored 13 points, and Cassie Puccinelli had nine points and seven rebounds, but the Pioneers (5-12, 1-7 NEWMAC) lost at Worcester.

Framingham State 54, MCLA 42: Framingham (2-15, 1-6) won its first Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference game of the season as the visiting Trailblazers committed 26 turnovers.

Ashley Clark had 15 points and 13 rebounds for MCLA.

Jill Gendron of Agawam had four points and two steals for Framingham.

Wesleyan 50, Amherst 42: Matia Kostakis had 12 rebounds and five blocks, but the Jeffs (12-7) fell at home to Wesleyan (17-2).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Springfield 76, MIT 59: The Pride pulled away from a 33-31 lead at the half with a 20-9 run in the second half to beat the Engineers (9-9, 3-5).

Mike DeCesar scored a team-high 17 points, and Derek Yvon of East Longmeadow had 13 points for SC (14-5, 5-2 NEWMAC).

MIT committed 22 fouls to Springfield's 14. The Pride cashed in on the advantage by outscoring the Engineers 18-4 at the line.

Amherst 65, Brandeis 61: John Bedford scored a game-high 19 points as the Jeffs moved to 17-1 with the home win over Brandeis (11-7).

Westfield State 82, Bridgewater 61: Mike Jurkowski of Belchertown recorded career highs in points (33) and rebounds (16) for the Owls (9-8, 5-2 MASCAC).

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Elms 3, Emmanuel 2: Senior setter James Angelos of Wilbraham broke his own school record with 50 assists as Elms snapped a 29-match losing streak that dated back to March 8, 2003.

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Westfield State tops WestConn

SWIMMING

DANBURY — The Western Connecticut State University women's swim team suffered a 169-125 loss to Westfield State Saturday afternoon.

It was the first loss of the season for the Colonials (9-1).

Megan McNiff, Shannon Healy, Shannon LeRoy and Sarah Koenig won the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:05.06.

Kathy Collins won the 1000 freestyle (11:44.98), 500 freestyle (5:50.93) and the 50 breaststroke (35.59).

LeRoy won the 100 butterfly (1:06.84) and set a school record in the 50 butterfly (30:05).

Healy also won the 100 breaststroke (1:17.84.

WestConn's 800 freestyle relay team of Healy, Keri Welch, Koenig and Collins took second with a school-record time of 8:56.59.

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Westfield State College swept

WESTFIELD — Junior center Estrella Kuilan (Lowell) led a balanced attack with 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks to lead Salem State to a 65-51 Mass. State Conference victory over Westfield State on Tuesday.

The Vikings improved to 15-6 overall and 6-2 in the conference. Westfield is 8-11 and 3-6.

The teams were tied at halftime, 31-31, but Salem began to pull away immediately in the second half with an 11-2 run.

Freshman forward Lindsey Watkins (Wareham) scored 15 points for the Vikings and senior guards Gilliam Almeida (Mattapoisett) and Kelly Reardon (Kettering, Ohio) tallied 10 points apiece.

Junior forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) had another double-double for the Owls with 11 points and 18 rebounds. Junior guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) finished with 13 points and seven assists and freshman guard Melissa Macchi (Peabody) had 11 points and six assists.

Salem shot 39 percent from the field, while Westfield only shot 27 percent. The Owls were 5-for-14 from the foul line.

MEN'S HOOPS
Salem State 84, Westfield State 68

WESTFIELD – Senior 6-9 center Ifesinachi Anosike (Staten Island, N.Y.) posted a rare triple-double with 23 points, 14 rebounds and 11 blocked shots to power Salem State to an 84-68 Mass. State Conference victory over Westfield State on Feb. Tuesday.

The Vikings improved to 18-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference. Westfield is 9-10 and 5-4.

Westfield rallied from a 22-12 deficit to take a 34-32 halftime lead. Westfield junior reserve forward James Obunize (Springfield) sparked the comeback with 11 points and seven rebounds in the first half. However, Ogbunize only had one point and one rebound in the second half.

But the Vikings quickly sized control early in the second half, sparked by their tall front line of Anosike, 6-8 sophmore center Tyler Lang (Franklin) and senior guard Allen Reid (Southbridge).

When Anosike wasn't swatting shots he was altering them, as Westfield shot just 35 percent from the field (27-for-77). On the offensive end, Anosike was 5-for-11 from the field but he canned 13 of 15 free throws to lead all players in scoring.

Reid scored 20 points, including 15 in the second half, while Lang contributed nine points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Sophomore guard Ricky Ogboin (Brighton) led the Owls with 17 points. Junior foreward Mike Jurkowski (Belchertown) posted another double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds; he also had four steals and four assists.

BASEBALL PRO JIM WAWRUCK OFFERS COACHING CLINIC: Former Baltimore Orioles centerfielder Jim Wawruck is offering a free coaching clinic for Little League coaches from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Woodward Center at Westfield State College. The clinic will help coaches become more knowledgeable about certain aspects of the game, including throwing mechanics, pitching fundamentals and hitting philosophy.

The Wawruck Baseball Academy LLC, which runs the clinic, focuses on increasing skills so that players have more success and fun. "The number one reason children quit baseball is they do not have fun," Wawruck said. "Many coaches have good intentions, but lack the knowledge or communication skills to make those important connections with kids."

The academy is also collaborating with Westfield State College to provide a summer baseball camp for players ages 9 to 13. The camp integrates professional instruction with the state-of-the-art facilities and technology offered at the Woodward Center.

Two weeklong summer camp sessions are offered. Overnight camp dates are Aug. 1-5 and Aug. 8-12. A day camp option is also available. The camp will help young players form good baseball habits and learn successful techniques. The cost of each session is $575 overnight and $330 for days only. For more information, log on to www.wawruckbaseball.com.

Wawruck played for the Baltimore Orioles for 7 years, after being drafted from the University of Vermont. He was on the Orioles' major league roster in 1994 and 1995.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

FSC's wings clipped late

Westfield

By Sean Sweeney
CORRESPONDENT

FITCHBURG — The Fitchburg State men's basketball team had everything going for them in its game with MASCAC rival Westfield State yesterday. They controlled the tempo and had the momentum, and Rashad Cope was closing in on a career game, as the Falcons led, 59-50, with just over 6:30 remaining.

Westfield St. 69
Fitchburg St. 66
Next game: Fitchburg St. at Framingham St., 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

But the Owls went on a 16-0 run over the next 2:40 to take command, shutting down Cope and eventually holding on for a 69-66 victory.

"It was either that or it was over, so we talked to our seniors and our other upperclassmen. We told them: 'This is it; we're fighting for a playoff spot.' So our guys responded," Westfield State coach Rich Sutter said.

"They made a few shots and started feeling good, and the result is they started making more shots," Fitchburg coach Shawn Conrad said."They made 3s and made layups. I just told the guys we played a 35-minute basketball game, and in this level, you have to play 40 minutes."

"I thought our emotion was fantastic and our intensity was fantastic. We did all the little things we preached to them. We lacked execution for the last five minutes," Conrad said.

Fitchburg State (5-17, 2-7) had a desperation attempt to send the game into overtime, but Jim Prignano's one-handed, 3-point attempt clanged off the front of the rim.

Westfield (11-10, 6-4) had trailed by as many as 12 points in the second half, as Cope, who finished 27 points — one away from tying his career high — hit a basket on an inbounds play with 10:37 remaining.

The game marked the 18th time Cope has scored in double figures this year and 46th time in the past two seasons.

"Rashad played fantastic today. He comes every night, never takes a night off and he worked hard on both ends of the floor today," Conrad said.

A few minutes later, Cope made a traditional three-point play to put the Falcons ahead, 57-49, with 8:07 left. About 1:30 later, Prignano's pull-up jumper at the charity stripe gave Fitchburg a 59-50 advantage.

It was at that point that the Owls went wild."We made big plays down at the end, we sleepwalked for about 35 minutes and then we woke up and made big plays at the end," Sutter said.

FSC tied the game at 66-all when Cope hit his last shot with 43.7 seconds left, his first hoop in more than 7 minutes. Twenty seconds later, Ricky Ogboin came through the lane to follow an Owls' missed shot to break the tie, before Sutton's Dan Largesse missed a 3-point attempt with 13 seconds remaining.

Westfield's Steve Martins hit the back end of a double bonus situation to end the scoring with 7.1 seconds left.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fontaine leads Falcons

Westfield

By Kevin O'Malley
CORRESPONDENT

FITCHBURG — The entire Millis High School girls' basketball program boarded a bus and traveled an hour and a half to watch the Fitchburg State College women battle MASCAC rival Westfield State yesterday at the Recreation Center in a show of support for their former captain Liz Hogan.

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Next game: Emerson at FSC, 1:30 p.m. today.

The 5-foot-8 Falcon freshman forward led Millis to its first Eastern Mass. Tournament berth last season as a senior captain before coming to Fitchburg, but still never expected to see that kind of support from her hometown.

"I knew they were coming, but I didn't know the entire program was coming. That was amazing," said Hogan, a reserve who scored 2 points. "We don't mess around in Millis."

The Mohawks were treated to some excellent team basketball in the second half as the Falcons put on a show, scoring 22 unanswered points en route to a 76-60 win that snapped their two-game losing streak.

"They have depth, experience and kids that can score and they play as one," Owls coach Steve Marcil said. "We are very undermanned right now, but we played hard. We can play with anybody, but we don't have the depth to stick with anyone especially in crunch time."

Junior forward Jen Fontaine matched her career high with 28 points to pace the Falcons (16-5, 6-3). Fontaine was 11 for 15 from the floor, including 3 for 4 from 3-point range, and also had 3 steals and 3 assists.

"This feels great," Fontaine said. "This is definitely what we needed."

Fitchburg led, 35-29, at halftime, but the Owls closed to within three, 45-42, with 14:41 remaining behind the play of freshman guard Melissa Macchi.

The next six minutes were all Falcons as they put on a display of team basketball at its finest, scoring 22 straight against Westfield for the second time this season to match its largest run of the year and take a commanding 67-42 lead with 8:42 remaining.

"When we make the extra pass, we are very good offensively," Fitchburg coach Walter Paschal said. "When we don't, we are not that good."

The Falcons were certainly making the extra pass yesterday, racking up a season-high 23 assists, including nine on their 10 field goals during the deciding run. Falcon guards Cortney Kelly and Katie Redican each had 6 assists.

With the game in hand, Hogan came off the bench to a rousing ovation and kept the crowd from Millis on its feet as she connected on her first shot, a 8-foot baseline jumper.

"I'm nervous anyways and (their cheering) escalated it," Hogan said. "That shot was a prayer."

Fitchburg shot 46 percent from the field, including 7 for 20 from 3-point range.

Sophomore guard D'Yana Delpero had 10 points and 5 assists while senior forward Samantha Sweeney had 7 points and 9 rebounds. Jenn Kirkland also had 9 rebounds for Fitchburg as the Falcons held the nation's 10th highest rebounder, Amanda Chapin, to just 8 boards.

Macchi scored a career-high 23 points for Westfield State (8-12, 3-7), to go with her 6 rebounds, 5 steals, 3 assists and 2 blocked shots.

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WSC players receive national recognition

WESTFIELD — Westfield State College's Vaso Jaukovic and Amanda Chapin have been selected to the ESPN The Magazine 2005 Academic All-America College Division All-District I basketball teams.

Jaukovic was a first-team selection and is eligible for national Academic All-America honors. Chapin was a third-team pick.

The academic teams were chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). District I includes Division 2 and Division 3 colleges in New England, New York, and five provinces in northeast Canada.

"This is a very prestigious honor for Vaso and Amanda, who are true scholar-athletes," said Westfield State men's basketball coach and assistant athletics director Rich Sutter. "They are a reflection of the type of students we want to recruit to Westfield State."

Jaukovic earned an undergraduate degree in economics last spring with a 3.87 cumulative grade point average. He is now a graduate student in the public administration program.

Jaukovic's hometown is Niksic in the states of Serbia and Montenegro. This season he is averaging 13.2 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He had 985 career points heading into Thursday's (Feb. 17) game at Framingham State.

Chapin is a Westfield native who attended Suffield Academy. The Westfield State junior English major has a 3.69 grade point average. She leads Westfield in both scoring (12.2 points per game) and rebounding (12.6 per game). She ranks seventh nationally in rebounding in NCAA Division 3.

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Westfield State hosts Take a Kid to the Game day

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State College is inviting all area children to attend its upcoming women's basketball game, Tuesday, Feb. 8, vs. Salem State College. Youth will have an opportunity to experience the college game-day atmosphere when Westfield State hosts NCAA Basketball's 10th Anniversary Take A Kid to the Game (TAKG) celebration, Feb. 8, 2005.

Youth ages 14 and under, along with their family members, will receive free admission to watch the Owls take on the Vikings at the Woodward Center.

Westfield State is one of more than 500 institutions across the nation that are participating in this campaign that is focused on attracting more of the nation's youth to college games.

"We are thrilled to be apart of this 10th anniversary celebration of the TAKG program," said Nancy Bals, Westfield State College assistant athletics director/senior women's administrator. "As we began our involvement with this worth-while program, we hoped that every child in our community would have the opportunity to experience the one-of-a-kind atmosphere during a Westfield State game; now it's a reality."

For more information, contact the Westfield State athletics department at 572-5405.

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Westfield State AD assumes new post

WESTFIELD – After serving the Westfield State College Athletics Department for 32 years — the last 10 as athletics director — Ken Magarian has been tapped to work on administrative projects for the college's Student Affairs division, among them management work for the Wellness Center and the Ely Campus Center.

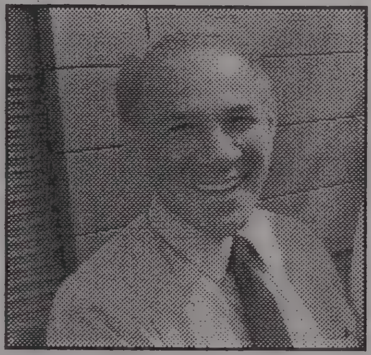
Magarian was unavailable for comment this morning.

The college is beginning a national search for a new athletics director. In the interim, Timothy Murphy, director of Human Resources at Westfield State, has been named interim director of athletics until the search is completed.

Magarian's wide range of experience may be also used for various athletics-related college projects, since the completion of the Woodward Center academic and athletic complex has brought increased emphasis on the college's athletics program and the Department of Movement Science, Sport and Leisure Studies.

Magarian was part of the team that built the Woodward Center. As a coach, and later as athletics director, Magarian gained experience in many facets of athletics administration, from recruiting players to equipment and facilities management and development. He has been president of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, as well as serving on several national committees for the NCAA.

Magarian has mixed emotions about leaving Athletics, but looks forward to new and different responsibilities and opportunities within Student Affairs.



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WSC begins search for new athletic director

By Michelle Kealey
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – Westfield State College (WSC) will soon be kicking off a national search for a new athletics director.

Kenneth Magarian, who has been the athletics director for the past 10 years, and has been working in the athletics department for 32 years, will be taking on new responsibilities within the Student Affairs Department.

According to Barry Maloney, vice president for advancement and college relations, Magarian was moved to a new position because College President Vicky Carwein wanted to change the director of the Athletics Department.

Maloney said that Magarian has been a good employee over the years.

"We value Ken," Maloney said. "He is talented and committed to the institution."

Barry Maloney, vice president for advancement and college relations, explained that the search will soon begin with the help of a professional network, which in this case is the NCAA.

He said that the job opening will be posted in the NCAA news, local newspapers and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Maloney said that the college is looking for applicants on a national level.

He explained that he hopes to find a candidate who holds a similar position at a smaller school, or a college of the same size as WSC.

He added that a good candidate could also be someone who is second in command in the athletics department at a larger school, who is looking to become an athletics director.

Maloney said that, with any position that needs to be filled, the goal is to conduct interviews and to hire someone for the position in the spring. The new athletics director would then start during the summer.

WSC is a Division III college. Maloney explained that the athletics director's responsibilities will include running the day to day operations, supervising the budget, coaches, the 17 varsity teams, the hiring of the part-time coaches, managing the facility and its usage, and purchasing the equipment for the department.

He added that the athletic director oversees fund-raising effort, an office staff and may act as a coach or recruiter when necessary.

Maloney said that the college hopes to fill the position by spring, but if that is not possible, the search will continue until the college finds a new athletics director.

Timothy Murphy, director of Human Resources, will be the interim athletics director until the position is filled.

For information about Westfield State College, visit www.wsc.ma.edu.

DR. VICKY CARWEIN
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Morning briefing

HOCKEY

Laviolette picked as World coach

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Carolina Hurricanes coach **Peter Laviolette** will lead the United States men's team at the hockey world championships starting next month in Austria, USA Hockey said yesterday. Tampa Bay Lightning coach **John Tortorella** will serve as associate coach for the U.S. team competing in the tournament April 30-May 15 in Innsbruck and Vienna, Austria. Last year, Westfield State College graduate Laviolette guided Team USA to the bronze medal at the World Championships in the Czech Republic, assuring the United States a spot in the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy. Laviolette has coached the Hurricanes since December 2003. He was coach of the New York Islanders during the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons. He captained the 1994 Olympic hockey team and also played on Team USA during the 1988 Olympics.

The Republican, Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Margaret L. M. Keenan

SPRINGFIELD - Margaret L. M. Keenan, a lifelong resident of Springfield, and a well known and accomplished athlete at both the high school and college levels, died early Monday morning at Heritage Hall West. She was born and educated in Springfield, the daughter of the late Joseph W. and Catherine M. (Mullins) Keenan and was a graduate of the former Springfield Central High School later named Classical High School. Margaret earned her B.S.E. Degree at the former Westfield State Teachers College and in 1995 was inducted into the Westfield State College Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of her having been the best all- around athlete of the early 1930's. Margaret was a substitute teacher in the greater Springfield area for many years as well as teaching citizenship classes during the evenings. She later retired after working for many years in the regional office of the former Great A. & P. Tea Company, Inc. Margaret was a parishioner and also a member of the Forever Young Club of Holy Name Church, Springfield for over 75 years. She also held many memberships, past and present, including Westfield State College Alumni Assoc., A.A.R.P., Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Friends of St. Francis, Passionist Apostolate of Radio and TV, Central Assoc., of the Miraculous Medal, Maryknoll Mission Society, Catholic Golden Agers, Over Sixty Club of Sacred Heart Parish, and the WMAS Music of Your Life Club. Margaret is survived by many dear friends and acquaintances. Her funeral will be held Thursday morning at 9:45 a.m. from Sampson's Chapel of the Acres, 21 Tinkham Rd., followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Name Church, with Rites of Committal to conclude in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield. Calling hours will precede her funeral Thursday morning at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres from 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Contributions in her memory may be made to Holy Name Church, 323 Dickinson St., Spfld., MA 01108 or to Baystate Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, 50 Maple St., Spfld., MA 01102-9058.

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William J. Stacy, Sr.

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SOUTHWICK - William J. Stacy, Sr., 77, of Southwick, MA, passed away on Saturday, April 16th, at Baystate Medical Center. Born and raised in Holyoke, MA, he was a graduate of Holyoke High School. He attended Tilton School of New Hampshire for one year before going on to college at AIC and Westfield State. He graduated from Westfield State College, spending his professional career as a teacher and coach. He taught in West Springfield, MA before moving on to Granby Memorial High School in Granby, CT, where he retired in 1988. While at Granby, he coached soccer, basketball, and baseball, winning State Championships in soccer and baseball. Bill was selected as the Connecticut High School Coaches Association's Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year in 1985. He was also inducted into the Tilton School Athletic Hall of Fame in June of 1997. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Nancy (Steiniere) Stacy. He also leaves his children; William Jr. of Westfield, Deborah Loomis and her husband Dana of Granville, Douglas and his wife Robin of Agawam, Annemarie Bacopoulos and her husband Timoleon of Granville and Michael of Bluffton, South Carolina. Four grandchildren; Scott, Jamie and Stacy Loomis and Nicholas Stacy. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 3-5 and 6-9 p.m. at the Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home, 624 College Hwy, Southwick (Rt. 10-202). The funeral service will be held Thursday morning at 11a.m. at the funeral home, with burial in New Cemetery in Southwick. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Granby Athletic Booster Club, 315 Salmon Brook Rd., Granby, CT. 06035, or to the Westfield Evangelical Free Church, 568 Southwick Rd., Westfield, MA 01085.

Women stars shine

By DICK BAKER
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With the wealth of talent spreading in local college women's basketball, quite an all-star team could be put together by taking the best from the best of schools who play in the area.

So following along the lines of other sports, such as soccer and lacrosse where players from all Divisions – I, II, and III, are mentioned together, and sometimes all-star games held within that mix, here's our 2005 dream team of 10 players you would love to have on your roster.

Basketball notes

The selections were made from Division I (UMass), II (AIC), and from all the local Division III schools. Players from the area but not playing at a local college were not considered. Examples in that category would include standouts such as Laura Menty at Siena, Ashley Auclair at Clark and Francesca Vanin of Northeastern.

The players picked, regardless of division, could in our estimation play on the same team, and not look out of place.

FORWARDS

Amanda Chapin, Westfield State: If there's anyone tougher on the boards in Division III, than we must have missed her. Chapin, a junior, was a first-team pick in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference. She keeps getting better and better.

Sharmion Selman, AIC: When Selman is on her game, she's one of the most difficult players to stop in the Northeast-10. She can rebound, bank shots off the glass, and shoot a bit from the outside as well.

Kacey Wunsch, Springfield: A rugged first-team New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference all-star, Wunsch showed her tenacity playing injured in the NEWMAC championship game while holding Auclair, the conference player of the year, to 10 points.

Kate Mills, UMass: A freshman who went from not getting much playing time early in the season to becoming a starter late in the year. She was so good at blocking shots, she even put time in at the post. And she has a nice soft touch shot, something that can't be said for most of the Minutewomen.

Lisa Masella, WNEC: A member of the first team in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference, she had eight double-doubles and led the Golden Bears (19-7 entering last night's ECAC game at Brandeis) in scoring with 9.8 points per game, and rebounding with 9.7 boards. WNEC blew out a lot of lesser GNAC opponents, so Masella's minutes were cut down somewhat to give time to reserves, or her numbers would have been even higher.

GUARDS

Tara McCarthy, Springfield: Only a freshman, there will be many SC records that will fall before her playing days end. McCarthy, a scorer, was voted NEWMAC rookie of the year, and was considered alongside Auclair for player of the year honors. Yes, she could play Division I.

Christine Godin, Mount Holyoke: A major reason Mount Holyoke has become an outstanding program the last few years is the junior speed merchant Godin, who doesn't get the recognition she deserves. She plays the shooting guard position, but can pass like a point guard. She comes from way back to sneak up behind and steal the ball. Her defense is outstanding, and she can shoot too. She has a great attitude, is a respected team leader, and an excellent student. Just a flat out winner.

Megan Ladley, AIC: What all-star team wouldn't want to have a knockout punch like the Pittsfield High native? When Megan starts hit the three-pointers, she can put the game away. This is her last season of a great career for the Yellow Jackets, and she'll be sorely missed.

Pam Rosanio, UMass: From day one, it was obvious that this freshman was clearly a legitimate Division I full scholarship player who was worthy of her full ride, not just filling out the roster. Roasnio is already taking on the role of a team leader. She's a tireless gamer who will get even better. She's the best player on the team. Now if UMass coach Marnie Dacko could only sign a few like her.

Alissa Rubino, AIC: Any all-star team has to have a take charge point guard who doesn't turn the ball over, is tough, and plays excellent defense. That's Rubino, whose sister played Division I basketball at Sacred Heart. Alissa, a sophomore, could play Division I too. The Yellow Jackets' coaching staff is working with her to take more shots. Once that happens, you've got the complete package.

Owls nab Sylvain duo

The Westfield State College women's basketball team finished at 12-12 this season, but head coach Steve Marcil has a couple of reasons to look forward to more victories next year.

And they came from the same family.

The talented fraternal twin sister guards Katie and Lauren Sylvain of Hopkins Academy are headed to Westfield State.

Marcil, attending Tuesday night's Northeast-10 playoff game at American International College, said that the paperwork had come in.

Lauren and Katie, both 1,000 point scorers at Hopkins, are expected to make an immediate impact for the Owls. Lauren is averaging 16.8 points per game, and Katie 16.1.

"They'll make our backcourt twice as dangerous," Marcil said of the Hadley residents.

Westfield had two Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference all-stars this season, and both are returning next year. Junior forward Amanda Chapin of Westfield was selected to the first team, and freshman guard Melissa Macchi was picked for the second squad. Macchi was also named the MASCAC rookie of the year.

–Dick Baker

Area College Roundup

Owls sweep Westfield St.

McLoughlin wins opener to improve to 4-1 on season

By **SENTINEL STAFF**

The Keene State softball team put a little more shine on its near-spotless record Thursday in Westfield, Mass.

The Owls improved to 11-1 on the season with their doubleheader sweep of Westfield State, 2-1 and 3-1.

The Owls won the opener by a hair. They collected just four hits off Westfield starter Leah Peterson. Trailing 1-0 after the first, the Owls tied the game in the fourth on Julie McLaurin's RBI single. They went ahead in the fifth on an outfield error.

Ashlee Nicholson

Megan McLoughlin (4-1) got the complete-game win for Keene State.

Keene State's bats woke up in the second game. The Owls outhit Westfield 9-4 and led 3-0 after the top of the third. Leadoff hitter Sarah Campbell went 3 for 3 and scored two runs, while freshman Ashlee Nicholson went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Nicholson and Erin Fuoroli combined for the win on the mound.

The Owls host Rhode Island College at noon Saturday.

Baseball

KEENE ST. 9, PLYMOUTH ST. 6

At Plymouth, the Keene State baseball team used a four-run sixth inning to beat Plymouth State in Little East action Wednesday afternoon.

Junior Josh Watkins' two-run homer was the highlight in the inning that helped the Owls overcome their early 3-0, first-inning deficit.

The Owls got their two other runs that inning when Mike Masseur doubled, Matt Orszulak walked and both scored on Ryan Jones' double.

After the Panthers scored three in the bottom of the seventh to close the gap to 7-6, Nick Arroyo's homer in the ninth gave the Owls some insurance runs.

Ryan Kohler (2-0) got the win, allowing four hits and three runs in six innings. Freshman Greg Ford notched his fifth save.

Keene State was scheduled to take on the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts this afternoon, but that game was postponed to April 27. The Owls (10-5, 1-0 Little East) return to action Saturday when they host Western Connecticut State in their home opener.

Women's Tennis

FPC 6, ST. ROSE 1

At Schenectady, N.Y., the Franklin Pierce women's tennis team notched its first win of the spring season and stopped a seven-match losing streak with its Northeast-10 Conference win Thursday.

Junior Kate Edmonds and freshman Coco Minott teamed up to win their No. 1 doubles match, while winning their singles matches as well, Minott at No. 1, Edmonds at No. 3.

Amanda St. Lawrence, Jessica Roberts and Nicole Adams all won singles matches as well.

The Ravens (5-12, 3-3 NE-10) host Le Moyne at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Men's Lacrosse

ST. MICHAEL'S 20, FPC 2

At Rindge, the Franklin Pierce men's lacrosse team fell hard in Northeast-10 Conference action Thursday night.

The Ravens trailed 11-1 after their first half, and didn't score again until the fourth period.

Freshman Luke Ferreira and junior Nick Cowden netted the two Raven goals.

The Ravens (0-4, 0-3 NE-10) finish their four-game homestand Sunday at noon, when they host Bentley College.

Women's Lacrosse

STONEHILL 24, FPC 1

At Easton, Mass., the Franklin Pierce women's lacrosse team fell to Stonehill — the top-ranked team in the NCAA Division II Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association poll — Thursday.

The Chieftains win was their 14th straight and 42nd consecutive conference victory.

Alissa Silverman netted the lone Raven goal, in the second half.

Franklin Pierce (0-8, 0-4 NE-10) is at C.W. Post on Saturday.

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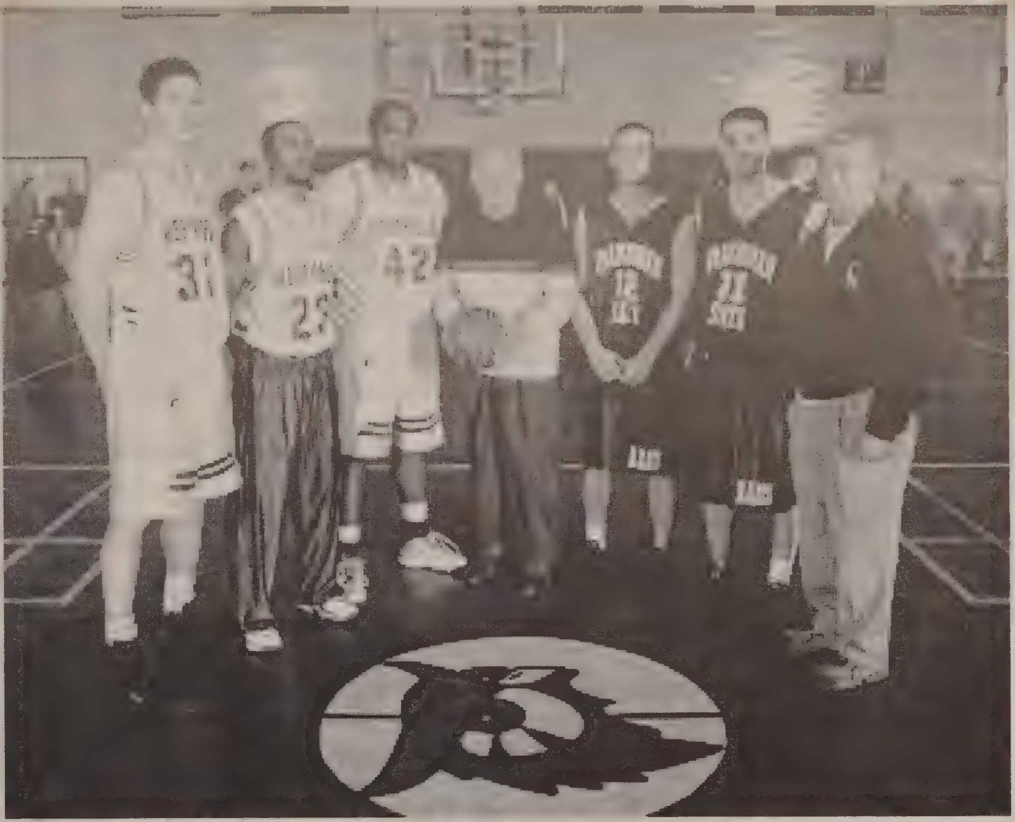

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End Of An Era

Westfield State bid farewell to an old friend during the final regular season game played Feb. 19 in Parenzo Gym. Taking part in pre-game ceremonies to close the 48-year-old gym were, left to right: Westfield State seniors Vaso Jaukovic, Allen Murray and Rich Pyle; Don Farr (Westfield State Class of 1957), Framingham State's Chris Feeney and Anthony Faradie; and Bob Farr (Class of 1955). Don Farr played in the first game in Parenzo Gym on November 30, 1956, and he scored 29 points in Westfield's 77-54 victory over Worcester State. *David Harris-Fried Photo*

2003-2004

Men's Hoops Eliminated By Bridgewater In Tournament

FEB. 2004

Bridgewater 89 – Westfield 62

BRIDGEWATER – Juniors Matt Badiali and Chris Hayes both scored 21 points to power Bridgewater State to an 89-62 victory over Westfield State in a semifinal game of the Mass. State Conference basketball tournament Feb. 25.

Bridgewater, 13-12 and the No. 2 seed, played top seeded Salem State in the championship game. Salem handled Worcester State, 78-52, in the other semifinal. Westfield finishes with a 13-11 record.

The Bears bolted to a commanding 49-26 halftime lead in front a large crowd at the Adrian Tinsley Center, behind 14 points from Hayes and 11 from Baldiali. Bridgewater shot 53 percent in the first half, while Westfield only shot 30 percent, including a dismal 1-for-10 from 3-point range.

Senior point guard Ryan Anderson notched seven assists for Bridgewater, pushing his season total to 173 to break the school record of 170, set in 1975 by Steve Jantz. Anderson is currently fifth in NCAA Division III, averaging 6.9 assists per game.

Senior center Rich Pyle led the Owls with a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds). Ricky Ogboin scored 11 points and James Ogbunize had 10 points, six rebounds and two blocks.

Westfield State 87
Mass. College 73

FEB 2004

NORTH ADAMS – Six players scored in double figures, led by Ricky Ogboin's 23 points, in Westfield State's 87-73 victory over Massachusetts College on Liberal Arts on Feb. 21.

Westfield finished its regular season 13-10 overall and placed third in the Mass. State Conference with a 7-5 record. Mass. College finished 1-24 and 0-12.

Westfield played at No. 2 seed Bridgewater State Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

The Owls - who used just eight players - only led by four points, 73-69, with 2:55 remaining. But Westfield went on a 14-4 run in the final 2:35, including eight points by Ogboin.

Other top performers for the Owls were: senior Vaso Jaukovic (14 points, six rebounds), freshman guard Ryan Goyette (13 points, eight rebounds), freshman guard Gavin Illangakoon (11 points, seven rebounds), sophomore James Ogbunize (10 points, seven rebounds), and senior center Rich Pyle (10 points).

Mass. College, which made 10 of 30 three-point attempts, was led by Robert Mitchell (24 points) and Chet Columbus (23 points). Senior Glenn Mills of Springfield scored 12 second-half points to finish his collegiate career with 1,011 points.

2003-2004

Swim Team Places 10th

MARCH 2004

WALTHAM – The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team finished 10th out of 21 teams in the New England Division II-III swimming and diving championships held Feb. 20-22 at Bentley College.

Sophomore standout Vanessa Morton of Wellfleet was the Owls' top performer in the three-day meet. Morton placed second in the 50 freestyle (25.81) and third in the 100 freestyle with a school record clocking of 55.16, shattering her own record 55.83 she set on Jan. 31. The Nauset Regional graduate also placed eighth in the 50 butterfly.

Freshman Rachel Webb of West Springfield was fifth in the 200 butterfly and freshman diver Marianne Wilson was eighth in the one-meter diving. Sophomore Lindsey Bartosz of Chicopee came in seventh in the 50 backstroke and 10th in the 200 backstroke.

New England Division II-III Swimming and Diving Finals

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bentley 895; 2. Mass Dartmouth 722; 3. Brandeis 716; 4. Keene State 613; 5. St. Michael's 469; 6. Colby Sawyer 462; 7. Plymouth State 378; 8. Bridgewater State 322; 9. WNEC 298; 10. Westfield State 273; 11. Simmons 260; 12. U. of New England 238; 13. Eastern Connecticut 231; 14. Gordon 227; 15. St. Joseph, CT 127; 16. Western Connecticut 123; 17. Regis 58; 18. Salem State 23; 19. Norwich 19; 20. Wheelock 5; 21. Elms 0.

SECOND PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 50 freestyle, 25.81.
THIRD PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle, 55.16.
FIFTH PLACE: Rachel Webb, 200 butterfly, 2:26.27.
SEVENTH PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 50 backstroke, 30.54.
EIGHTH PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 50 butterfly, 29.09; Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving, 274.95.
NINTH PLACE: 400 freestyle relay, (Bartosz, Acheson, Webb, Morton), 3:56.60
10th PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 200 backstroke, 2:25.39.
11th PLACE: 200 freestyle relay (Gilbert, Piquette, Bartosz, Morton), 1:50.43.
12th PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 100 backstroke, 1:06.39; Nikkie Crowe, one-meter diving, 223.10; 400 medley relay (Spataro, Piquette, Webb, Nicole Acheson), 2:26.34; 800 freestyle relay, (Piquette, Spataro, Acheson, Webb), 8:57.86.
13th PLACE: Rachel Webb, 500 freestyle, 5:42.50; 200 medley relay (Bartosz, Piquette, Morton, Gilbert), 2:02.26.

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ATHLETICS

New England Champ

Westfield State senior Mat LeMaire finished first in the pentathlon at the New England Division 3 track and field championships Feb. 21 at Bowdoin College. LeMaire totaled 3,276 points in the grueling one-day, five-event competition to edge Trinity's Chris Orr by 22 points. LeMaire placed sixth in the 1,000 meter run (2:57.85), first in the 55 high hurdles (8.06), first in the high jump (6-2), third in the long jump (19-4) and second in the shot put (36-7). Also earning All New England honors were sophomore David Richardson in the high jump and senior Jess Silva in the 800 meter run.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

2003-2004

Owls Outlast Worcester, 57-54; Advance To Finals

WESTFIELD – Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker (Springfield) led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points, and also totaled 19 rebounds, four blocks and two steals, to lead Westfield State to a 57-54 victory over Worcester State in a Mass. State Conference basketball tournament game Feb. 25.

Westfield, 21-5, faced rival Salem State in the conference championship game Saturday, Feb. 28, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

It was the 11th time in the 15-year history of the tournament that Salem and Westfield squared off in the finals. Salem, which defeated Westfield twice during the regular season, improved to 22-3 overall with a 69-55 semifinal victory over Fitchburg State.

Westfield led cold-shooting and turnover-prone Worcester State 29-18 at halftime, then held off the visitors in the second half. The Lancers only had five first-half field goals, but they scored four quick buckets in the second half to close within four points, 30-26, with 17:56 remaining.

Westfield regrouped to take its biggest lead of the second half, 44-32, with 10:35 remaining. But the Lancers, sparked by 17 bench points, whittled the Westfield lead to two points, 48-46, with 3:45 remaining.

The Owls then got a pair of clutch 3-point baskets to maintain their slim advantage. Sophomore guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) drained a trey from the left wing to make it 51-46. Worcester closed to within two again, then senior forward Meredith Maaske (Coon Rapids, Minnesota) nailed a 3-pointer from the deep left corner for a 54-49 Westfield lead with 2:08 remaining.

Maaske also made a free throw with 27 seconds remaining to make it 55-51. Worcester's Amanda Kowal (Oxford) made a free throw with 10 seconds remaining, then - after Walker missed the front end of a one-and-one – Rachel Odugbela (Providence) drove for a layup for a 55-54 Westfield lead with 2.3 seconds remaining.

Westfield successfully inbounded the ball and senior point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley) was fouled with 1.4 seconds remaining. She made both free throws for the game's final points. Worcester State did inbound the ball to midcourt, but Kathy Ward's (Fall River) desperation shot was way off the mark.

Also scoring in double figures for Westfield were Maaske (12 points) and sophomore forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) with 12 points apiece. McCarthy finished with 10 points.

Odugbela came off the bench to score a team-high 13 points for the Lancers, including three 3-point baskets. Ward scored 12 points.

Worcester only shot 22 percent and committed 14 turnovers in the first half, but the Lancers shot 46 percent in the second half and had only four turnovers. Westfield – which is ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense (48.2) - only shot 31 percent from the field and was 5-for-18 from beyond the arc.

Basketball player has 'perfect' attitude

By **MIKE SULLIVAN**

WESTFIELD – Most young people fear change.

That's not the case for Mike Jurkowski, a Westfield State College basketball standout from Belchertown.

"You can't just think everything's going to be perfect in life," Jurkowski said. "Things happen, and you have to be ready to adapt to them."

Jurkowski has been able to adapt to his new surroundings with ease, despite attending three different colleges in as many years. After graduating from Belchertown High School in 2002 and finishing as the second leading scorer in the school's history with 1,152 points, he was the starting power forward on the Westfield State men's basketball team this year.

He just took the long way to get to there.

After playing at the junior varsity level at Springfield College his freshman year and Holyoke Community College his sophomore year, Jurkowski landed at Westfield State for this basketball season.

"I'm not going to say that these changes have made me into what I am today. I've learned from all of them," Jurkowski said. "But it's life. I guess I'm just experiencing one part of it."

Rich Sutter, seventh-year head coach at Westfield State, has enjoyed having the athletic 6-foot, 4-inch Jurkowski on his team.

"He brings great leadership to the team, and he leads by example," Sutter said. "He's a great team player, and he works just as hard in practice as he does in games."

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> ***Rich Sutter, coach***

Westfield finished with a 12-11 (7-5 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference) regular season record, finishing fourth in the division. The Owls traveled to league champion Salem State College for a semifinal game in which they were defeated 81-74, ending their season.

Jurkowski and senior teammate Vaso Jaukovic, who recently scored his 1,000th career point, turned a powerful 1-2 punch for the Owls during the season. The broad-shouldered Jurkowski and 6-foot, 7-inch Jaukovic often provided a spark in the lineup.

The two shared the spotlight all season for the Owls. Jurkowski, after returning from an internal contusion on his right quadricep, became the team's go-to-man down the stretch. He ranked 17th in the league in scoring (10.8 points per game), 6th in rebounding (6.8) and steals (1.63), and 7th in field goal percentage (.494).

Photo by Mike Sullivan Jr.

Mike Jurkowski of Belchertown crouches on the court at Woodward Center at Westfield State College.Jurkowski has provided team leadership and solid play this season for the Owls.

Feb. 1, Jurkowski scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to help lead Westfield past Bridgewater State 82-61. Five days earlier, he finished with a game-high 30 points and eight boards as the Owls defeated league rival Framingham State 71-65.

Jurkowski credited Jaukovic, a native of Serbia and Montenegro, for his monstrous games after returning from injury. "The reason I had these great games earlier this year was because of him. The defense would double-team Vaso and he would find me wide open for easy buckets."

The practical Jurkowski realizes how lucky he and the rest of the college athletes in America are – to be able to represent their school's colors on a daily basis. "We're playing a game. There are other things that are more important in life," Jurkowski said. "With the war going on right now, there are kids my age fighting for our country, and I'm playing basketball."

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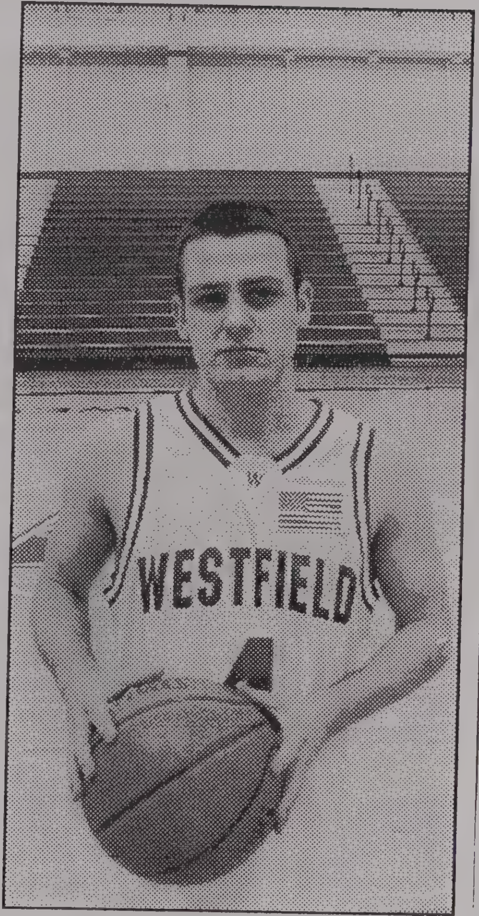
Martins steals spotlight in debut season



Steve Martins had a solid freshman season for the Westfield State men's basketball team. The point guard from Westfield Voc-Tech started 16 games for the 12-12 Owls and led the Mass. State Conference in steals, averaging 2.3 steals per game. Martins averaged 5.1 points and 2.2 assists per game and ranked second on the team in 3-point baskets made with 20. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College sports information department)

Four Owls make all-conference

Four Westfield State players were named to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference basketball teams.

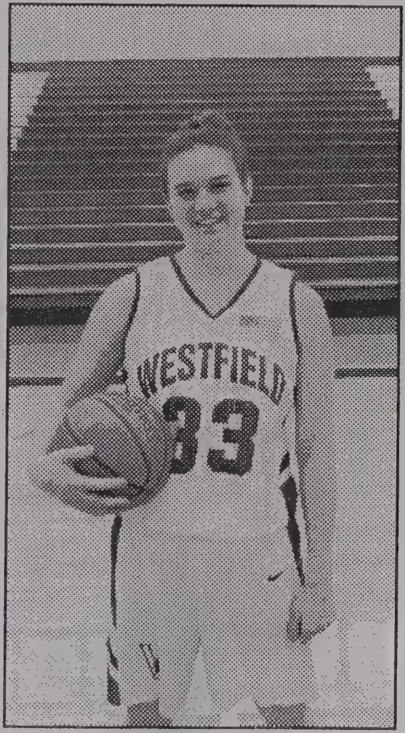
First-team selections were Vaso Jaukovic and Amanda Chapin, both of whom were second-team picks in 2004. Melissa Macchi was a second team all conference selection and also was named the MASCAC women's Rookie of the Year. On the men's side, Tony Collier shared Rookie of the Year honors with Bridgewater's Tom Cuddihy.

Jaukovic, a graduate student from Serbia & Montenegro, led the Owls' balanced attack in scoring (12.9 points per game) and was second in rebounding (6.6). The 6-7 center ranked first for the Owls and third in the MASCAC in assists (3.2) and was 10th in the conference in steals (1.4).

Jaukovic finished his collegiate career with 1,016 points, which ranks 16th on the Westfield men's basketball all-time list.

Chapin had a stellar junior season, leading the Owls in scoring (12.4 point per game) and rebounding (12.3).

The Westfield native (Suffield Academy) ranked fourth in conference scoring and dominated in rebounding, where she outpaced her nearest MASCAC competitor by nearly four rebounds per game.



AMANDA CHAPIN

The hustling 5-9 forward ranks eighth nationally in NCAA Division III in rebounds per game.

Chapin set a school season record for rebounds per game and tied a school record for most rebounds in a single game (22).

Macchi, a freshman point guard from Peabody, posted some impressive numbers.

Macchi was Westfield's second leading scorer (9.7) and ranked first in the conference in assists (4.3), second in 3-point shooting percentage (.381), third in steals (2.6) and fifth in field goal shooting percentage (.436).

Collier, a 6-2 guard from Colchester, Vt., ranked second on the team and 15th in the MASCAC in scoring, averaging 11.4 points per game. Collier only started nine games, but he was a key player off the bench, averaging 26 minutes played per game and leading in the Owls in 3-point field goals made (22).

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■ **TRACK:** Westfield State College senior **Tessa Donoghue** of Springfield placed second in the long jump at the NCAA Division III indoor track championships at Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center in Bloomington, Ill. Donoghue, a senior, leaped 18 feet, 8¾ inches to finish behind University of St. Thomas junior Kristal Grigsby, who set a Shirk Center record of 19-2½. Donoghue will compete in the triple jump today. Westfield State junior **David Richardson** was fifth in the men's high jump (6-8¾) . . . Tennessee sophomore **Tianna Madison** won the long jump in the NCAA Division I Indoor championships at Fayetteville, Ark., with a leap of 22 feet, 3 inches – the fourth-best indoor mark in U.S. track history.

■ **MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** Elms College junior **Patrick Boyajuan** recorded a match-high 15 kills and five blocks and the Blazers snapped a five-match losing streak with a 3-0 (30-23, 30-27, 31-29) win over Lasell College. **James Angelos** of Wilbraham handed out 36 assists and sophomore **Brian Cunniff** of Pittsfield had seven kills and three block assists.

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Elms gets first baseball win

Westfield

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Local colleges

A happy ending made a successful beginning to the new Elms College baseball program.

Chicopee Comp graduate Joe Bergeron of Granville hit a single to right to drive in Steve Bigos of Chicopee with the winning run in the bottom of the ninth as Elms was a winner in its first-ever varsity game, 2-1 over Norwich University at Sarasota, Fla.

After Norwich scored two runs in the top of the ninth to take a 7-6 lead, Mike Zenkert of Westfield and Bigos stroked back-to-back singles for the Blazers. Zenkert scored the tying run on a fielder's choice, and Bergeron delivered the winning hit.

Nathan Hawes went 2 for 4, and Zenkert was 3 for 5 for Elms, which got good starting pitching from Jason Wheeler (7 innings, 1 earned run).

Anderson College 9, Westfield State 2: In the first game of a scheduled doubleheader, Chris Visone went 2 for 3 with a double for the Owls (1-2) in a losing cause.

The Owls should have put their bats away early in the scheduled second game. But they kept pounding the ball, and ran up a 10-2 lead over Anderson in the top of the fifth. They were up so long that the game was called on darkness at the deadline time of 6:30 p.m. before it was an official game. The game will not be made up, and the statistics will not count.

WNEC 9, Springfield 3: Tom Horgan and Chris Mahoney had two hits and two RBIs apiece to lead the Golden Bears at Port Charlotte, Fla.

Matt Hackney chipped in with two hits and an RBI for the Golden Bears (3-0), who scored five runs in the first and four in the eighth.

SOFTBALL

WNEC splits: Chrissy Locascio hit a 3-run double, and Alex Patterson and Megan Cloutier of Greenfield combined on a two-hitter as WNEC beat Mount Ida 12-0 in five innings via the mercy rule.

The Golden Bears (1-1) dropped their other contest, 6-5 in eight innings to Wheaton.

Tricia Troiano drove in the tying run in the bottom of the seventh as the Golden Bears pulled even at 2-2. But Wheaton scored four runs in the top of the eighth. WNEC bounced back in the bottom of the inning on a three-run homer by Michelle Boss, but couldn't plate the equalizer.

Springfield 5, Denison 3: Amanda Johansson went 2 for 3 with two RBIs for the Pride (1-2).

WOMEN'S TENNIS

UMass 6, Tennessee-Chattanooga 1: Masha Pozar, the Atlantic 10 rookie of the week, won at No. 2 singles, and sophomore Michelle Spiess lifted her record to 16-3 with a 6-0, 6-2 victory at No. 1 singles as the Minutewomen moved to 7-5 with the win at Boca Raton, Fla.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Amherst 13, Keene State 9: The Jeffs, ranked 18th in Division III, opened their season with a nonconference victory at Orlando, Fla.

Sophomore Chris Hoffman recorded a career high five goals and added an assist while sophomore Derek Cherney compiled four goals and three assists for the winners.

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Bartosz key member of Westfield State team

Swimming & Diving

Chicopee Register submitted photo

Westfield State College junior Lindsey Bartosz of Chicopee was a key member of the Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team that finished with an 8-2 dual meet record and placed seventh in the New England championships.

Bartosz specialized in the backstroke, and placed ninth in New England in the 50 meter backstroke. She also was a member of Westfield's 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams that finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the New England meet. She is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

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WSC Baseball, Softball Roundups

April 2005

College Baseball
Westfield, Mass Maritime Split

BUZZARDS BAY – The Westfield State baseball squad split a doubleheader with Mass Maritime Academy on Sunday, April 10.

The Bucs (2-5, 1-3) won the opener, 5-4, in nine innings, while the Owls (9-11, 2-2) coasted in the nightcap, 12-2.

In the first game, the Owls rallied for a run in the sixth and three in the seventh to take a 4-2 lead. Key hits in the seventh were an RBI single by Jay Brown and RBI doubles by Justin Parr and Troy Ferguson.

The Bucs battled back to score twice and send the game into extra innings. Mass Maritime scored the game winner on an unearned run in the ninth.

The Owls were outhit, 12-5. Ferguson was 2 for 3.

Starting pitcher Derek Anghilante went seven innings, allowing 10 hits and striking out six. Trent Rivers took the loss in relief.

The Owls banged 13 hits in nightcap, and scored four in the fourth inning to snap a 1-1 deadlock. Ferguson was 3 for 4 with a triple and double. Jay Brown blasted a triple and double and drove in two runs, and senior third baseman Matt Gurley was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and three RBI.

Joe Tremblay was the winning pitcher. He allowed seven hits and struck out five in sixth innings.

Westfield State 6
Nichols 5, 10 Innings

WESTFIELD – Sophomore shortstop Troy Ferguson (Rochester, Mass.) was 2-for-6 with three RBI, including the game-winning hit in the bottom of the 10th inning, to lead Westfield State to a 6-5 victory over Nichols.

The Bison (5-7) sent the game into extra innings when they were handed two runs in the top of the ninth. With two outs and the bases empty, Nichols tied the score with four straight walks and a wild pitch.

In the bottom of the 10th, Brett Ford and Justin Parr drew walks, then Ferguson ripped a 1-2 pitch up the middle for the game-winner.

The Owls (7-9) took a 3-0 lead in the second inning on a sacrifice fly by Ford and a two-run triple by Ferguson.

Nichols tied the score in the sixth on an RBI double by Michael Barry and a two-run double by Luke McLaughlin. Westfield scored an unearned run in the seventh and a run in the eighth on an RBI single by pinch hitter Pat Jaehnig.

Collecting two singles for Westfield were Shaun Geary and Chris Hebert. Joe Tremblay pitched the final inning and a third for the victory.

College Softball
Westfield, Mass Maritime Split

BUZZARDS BAY – The Westfield State softball squad split a doubleheader with Mass Maritime Academy on Sunday, April 10.

The Owls (5-13, 1-3) won the opener, 8-0, in six innings, while the Bucs (2-7, 1-3) won the nightcap, 3-2.

In the first game, the Owls blew open a 2-0 lead with a five-run uprising in the third inning. The Owls took advantage of four Mass Maritime errors in the inning.

Winning pitcher Leah Peterson helped her cause at the plate, going 3 for 3 with an RBI. Senior catcher Liz Oliveira was 2 for 4 with two doubles and an RBI. Amanda Fregeau was 1 for 4 with two RBI.

Peterson tossed a one-hitter, allowing no walks and striking out five. Mass. Maritime's Michelle Smith broke up a perfect game with a one-out line drive single in the fifth.

In the second game, Mass Maritime snapped a 1-1 tie by scoring twice in the fifth inning. Westfield scored a run in its final at bat.

The Bucs outhit the Owls, 9-4. Peterson was 2 for 3 with an RBI and Oliveira pounded a double.

Beth Garfield suffered the mound setback; she was relieved in the fifth by Peterson.

Fitcbhurg Sweeps Westfield

WESTFIELD – Fitchburg State received a pair of strong pitching performances from Jenn Neslusan (Douglas, MA) and Michelle Yuille (Acushnet, MA) to sweep Westfield State, 3-0 and 2-1, in Mass. State Conference softball action.

Neslusan tossed a five-hit complete-game in the opener; she struck out two and allowed only one walk.

Losing pitcher Leah Peterson was 3-for-3 at the plate.

In the nightcap, Yuille also scattered five hits – all singles – in going the distance. She walked one and struck out four. Beth Garfield (Brockton) pitched into the third inning for Westfield to take the pitching loss; she was relieved by Peterson.

Shortstop Emily Tangney (Randoph) had an RBI single in the fourth inning for the Owls.

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Lions duo star for Wheaton

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By RICK HARRISON
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Mark Brown of Chelmsford is a junior catcher and **Kevin Doherty** of Tewksbury a senior righty pitcher on the 2005 Wheaton College baseball team.

Ramblings

Wheaton, which opened the season in Clearwater, Fla., started two of the Lyons games last year and appeared in six with 3 hits, 2 runs scored and an RBI.

Doherty pitched in 8 games and in 6 innings allowed 7 hits and 1 earned run (1.50 ERA) while fanning 8.

Wheaton was 21-20-1 last year with a 9-3 record in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

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Three area girls were members of the Westfield State College women's swim and dive team this past winter season.

Freshman **Laura Bourassa** of Groton, freshman **Kara Phelan** of Chelmsford and sophomore Notre Dame Academy graduate **Marianne Wilson** of Tewksbury.

Wilson, a diver, finished fifth in both the one-meter (281.55 points) and three-meter (306.90) competitions at the New England Division 3 Championships.

Phelan finished 11th in the 200 backstroke at the same meet (2:24.36).

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Anthony May of Lowell is a freshman member of the DeSales University (Center Valley, Pa.) men's tennis team.

May was a standout for Lowell Catholic's co-ed tennis team the last three springs.

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Lauren Rappoli of Wilmington is a freshman shortstop on the 2005 Stonehill College softball team.

Rappoli was a power and average hitter on several outstanding Wilmington High Cape Ann League champion and MIAA Tournament qualifying teams the past four years.

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Dan Elliman of Tewksbury was a senior captain on the Babson College men's basketball team this winter.

He averaged 11 points, 2 assists and 1.5 steals to accompany his team-high 5.3 rebounds per game.

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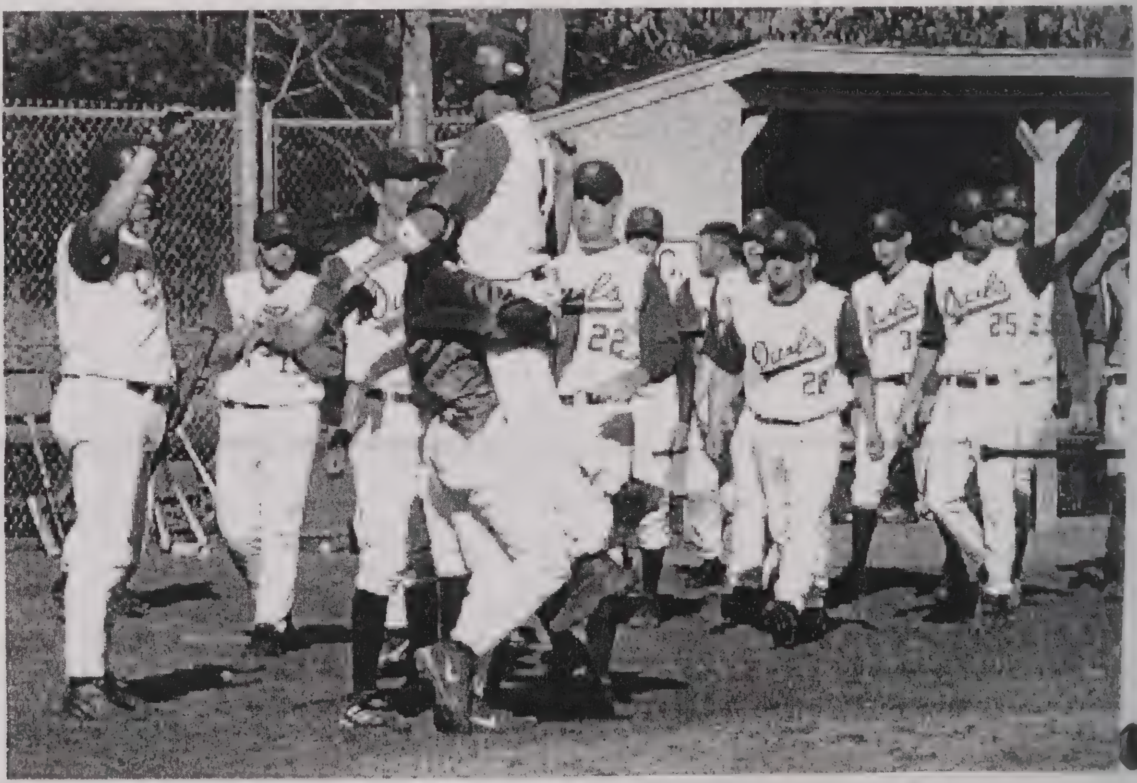

Justin Parr slides home to score the game-winning run, then receives a victory hoist from his teammates in a 3-1 Mass. State conference victory over Fitchburg State.

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Owls Gain Split With Fitchburg

April 2005

WESTFIELD – Fitchburg State and Westfield State split a baseball doubleheader in the Mass. State Conference opening games on April 9.

Fitchburg (6-9, 1-1) took the opener, 15-6, as it exploded for 11 runs in the fourth inning. Westfield (8-10, 1-1) earned a split with a 3-1 victory in the well-played nightcap.

In the opener, the Falcons snapped a 1-1 deadlock by scoring its 11 runs on nine hits and four Westfield errors. The Owls mounted a mini-rally with a five-run uprising in the fifth.

Leadoff batter Dustin Fredieu was 3 for 4 with a double, triple and two RBI. Catcher Jeff Paquette (Billerica) was 3 for 5 with a double and four RBI and shortstop Ray Richards was 3 for 5 with a double and two RBI.

Westfield second baseman Justin Parr (North Attleboro) was 2 for 2 with a double and two runs scored. Pat Jaehnig (North Quincy) belted a two-run double.

In the nightcap, Fitchburg senior pitcher Rick Terry (Amesbury) was hurling hitless ball through four and two-thirds innings when Westfield sophomore Jay Hardell (Brooklyn, CT) tied the score with an opposite field solo home run over the rightfield fence.

The Owls scored twice in the bottom of the sixth. Parr led off with a bunt single and was sacrificed to second by Troy Ferguson. Sophomore Jay Brown (East Windsor, CT) then delivered the game-winning hit when he plated Parr with a single down the leftfield line. The Owls added an insurance run when senior Matt Gurley (Brockton) blasted an RBI double.

Joe DelSoldato (West Stockbridge) was the winning pitcher. The junior lefty allowed four hits and three walks and struck out three. Freshman Russ Lloyd (Palmer) pitched the final inning to earn the save.

Terry threw a complete game, allowing five hits, all in the final inning and a third. He walked two and whiffed two.

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Senior pitcher Leah Peterson fired a one-hitter in an 8-0 victory over Mass. Maritime.

Photo By Mike Coughlin

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The Westfield State softball team has had its share of "bad breaks" this season, as senior Nikki Benson, left, and sophomore Joanna Bruyere are both sidelined with broken hands. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Freshman women's basketball player Betty Dely of Waltham has been chosen to represent Westfield State at the 2005 NCAA Leadership Conference May 29-June 2 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. A total of 334 student-athletes from Divisions I, II and III have been selected to participate in the leadership conference. Westfield State's alternate selection is junior volleyball player Rachel Sweeney.

Track & Field Results

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Connecticut College Invitational
Women's Outdoor Track and Field
Saturday, April 23, 2005

TEAM SCORING: 1. Springfield 129; 2. Coast Guard 110; 3. Connecticut College 106; 4. WPI 98;
5. Worcester State 77; 6. WESTFIELD STATE 54; 7. Salve Regina 44; 8. Mass Dartmouth 41;
9. Western Conn. 25; 10. Pace 16; 11. Roger Williams 4; 11. Vassar 4; 11. Fairfield 4.

FIRST: Tessa Donoghue, high jump, 5-1; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 37-3.

SECOND: Nicole Varteresian, discus, 92-5.

THIRD: CC Costello, javelin, 113-5.

FOURTH: Erin Cobun, hammer, 110-5.

FIFTH: Kristin Bodner, 5000, 20:42.92; 4 x 100 Relay (Kately Kervin, CC Costello, Kristin Pellegrinelli, Tessa Donoghue) 53.92.

SIXTH: Katelyn Kervin, long jump, 14-2 1/2.

SEVENTH: CC Costello, discus, 78-1.

EIGHTH: Jenn Davis, long jump, 13-8; Timily Henrickson, hammer, 99-1;

Connecticut College Invitational
Men's Outdoor Track and Field
Saturday, April 23, 2005

TEAM SCORING: 1. Coast Guard 128.5; 2. Springfield 110; 3. WESTFIELD 96; 4. Eastern Connecticut 86.5;
5. WPI 85; 6. Connecticut College 60; 7. Mass Dartmouth 57; 8. Naval Academy Prep 30;
9. Worcester State 26; 9. Southern Connecticut 26; 11. Vassar 12; 12. Pace 9.

FIRST: Shawn McCorquodale, long jump, 21-7; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 41-6; Peter King, discus, 137-8.

SECOND: Matt Shannon, long jump, 20-5; Peter King, shot put, 49-6; Peter Bergeron, javelin, 181-1.

THIRD: Eric Kelly, 100 hurdles, 16.2; Drew Soltysiak, javelin, 165-7.

FIFTH: 4 x 100 relay (Craig Skribiski, Eric Kelley, Ben Butterfield, Jacques Moret), 45.03;
Matt Shannon, high jump, 6-1; Dave Bergerson, long jump, 19-9; Rob Byrne, shot put, 43-1.

SIXTH: Kyle Lawson, 400, 53.24.

SEVENTH: Zak Bitzer, 400, 53.35; Peter King, hammer throw, 123-2.

EIGHTH: Bill Magdalensky, 400, 53.53; Ron Ricciarelli, 110 hurdles, 17.53; Matt Dissell, shot put, 41-9.

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Morton boosts Westfield State swim team

Junior Vanessa Morton of Wellfleet, a Nauset High grad, led the Westfield State women's swimming team to an 8-2 season and a seventh-place finish in the New England Championships last month at Bentley College. Bentley won the championship.

Morton was runner-up in the New England finals of the 100 freestyle with a school record time of 54.81. She also placed fourth in the 50 freestyle (25:59), sixth in the 200 freestyle (2:04.06) and was a member of four relay squads that earned points at the New Englands; the 200 medley, 400 freestyle, 200 freestyle and 800 freestyle.

"I didn't expect Vanessa to do as well as she did," said coach Dave Laing. "She happened to put it all together and that was the key."

Morton also set a school record this season with a time of 28.66 in the 50 butterfly. She holds the school records in the 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle and 200 freestyle.

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Softball Sweeps MCLA

MAY 2005

NORTH ADAMS – The Westfield State softball team swept a doubleheader from MCLA, 3-1 and 12-4, in conference games on April 26.

The Owls improved to 6-4 in the conference with key doubleheaders remaining with Framingham State and Salem State.

Westfield won the opener, 3-1, backed by one-hit pitcher from senior Leah Peterson, who also went the distance in Game Two. Peterson allowed a first-inning run and struck out eight.

Westfield scored single runs in the second, third and fourth innings, two coming on sacrifice flies by Liz Oliveira and Emily Tangney. Sophomore Lindsey Adams had the other RBI.

The Owls collected 10 hits. Amanda Fregeau was 3 for 4 and Peterson and Beth Garfield both rapped two singles.

In the nightcap, Westfield trailed 3-2 before erupting for five runs in both the fifth and sixth innings. Senior third baseman Casey Greggo was 2 for 3 with five RBI; she rapped a two-run single in the fifth and slugged a three-run homer in the sixth and final frame.

Oliveira was 2 for 4 with three RBI and Peterson was 2 for 3 with two runs scored.

Owls Split With MCLA

NORTH ADAMS – The Westfield State baseball split a doubleheader with MCLA in conference action April 26. The Owls (12-18, 4-6) fell in the opener, 10-5, then took the second game, 8-6.

Home runs by Troy Ferguson, Pat Jaehnig and Jay Brown, along with a first-inning two-run triple by Brett Ford, powered the Owls in the nightcap.

Ferguson swatted a two-run circuit shot in the second to stake the visitors to a 4-0 lead. MCLA responded with three runs in the third inning. The Owls scored four times in the decisive fifth inning. Jaehnig blasted an opposite-field two-run homer and Brown immediately followed with a solo shot.

Brown was 3 for 4 and Ferguson was 2 for 5 with two runs scored. Jay Hardell was 2 for 2 with two runs scored.

Winning pitcher Derek Anghilante went the distance, allowing 10 hits and two walks and striking out four.

In the opener, Westfield led 3-2 after three innings, but MCLA scored nine runs in its final three at bats, including a five-run uprising in the fifth.

The Owls were outhit, 14-13. All 13 of Westfield's hits were singles while the Trailblazers ripped two homers and four doubles.

Ferguson was 3 for 4 with an RBI. Collecting two singles apiece were Justin Parr, Shawn Geary, Ford and Matt Tirrell.

Westfield State senior first baseman Brett Ford just misses catching a line drive during Westfield State's games at MCLA on April 26.
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Belchertown natives Rebeka Lent, left, and Meghan McCarthy were members of the Westfield State women's basketball team that posted an 11-12 record. McCarthy was a starting guard and averaged 8.9 points per game. The junior ranked second in steals, assists and 3-point shooting. Lent played in 21 games, averaging nearly 10 minutes per game. The 6-0 freshman averaged 2.6 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

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Midnight Madness At Westfield State

By Jay Jeffrey MAY 2005

Upon returning from the NCAA Leadership Conference, I reviewed the student-athlete culture at Westfield State College and found there were not enough activities to bring the students as well as the athletics department together. To tackle this issue, my Life Skills Coordinator and I came up with the idea of Midnight Madness. This was the perfect year to start an annual event with the opening of our new $18 million dollar athletic field house. Our main objective for the event was to increase the cultural atmosphere of Westfield State College.

At 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, Westfield State College kicked off the first Midnight Madness event in its new Woodward Center complex. The event took approximately four hours with the main attraction a 3-on-3 tournament because of our extensive intramurals basketball league. Sixteen teams participated in five games apiece and two undefeated teams played for the championship at midnight.

Halfway through the event, we brought everyone to the bleachers and introduced the winter varsity sports teams, which threw t-shirts into the crowd. Throughout the event, the football throwing competition and three legged races were a big hit with the students who were not participating in the basketball tourney. In between basketball games, two students competed in a 3-point shooting contest against the Westfield State vice-president of student affairs and our athletics director.

We also had the rock climbing wall open and a squishy ball throwing competition. These two activities were added the day before and ended up being the biggest crowd pleasers. Overall, the event was a huge success for the culture of Westfield State. As the athletics director stated, "It was a great community-building event and the diversity of the 700 students participating was phenomenal."

Even though just about everything went smoothly, I believe we could have done a better job of organizing the 3-on-3 basketball event so there would not have been as much lag time between games. The event also was a success due to the 50 volunteers from Westfield State's sport promotion class, athletic teams, and student government.

To accomplish such an overwhelming event, I was able to use volunteers from many different areas, including: the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB), the Student Government Association, varsity athletics teams, work study students, resident directors, the residential life department, the athletics department, intramurals, and the Westfield State administration.

The main contributor for the event was the SAAB, consisting of approximately 40 athletes who went into the community and received donations from local businesses for prizes. The prizes varied from gift certificates and Westfield State College apparel to Midnight Madness t-shirts. The SAAB members and sports promotion students organized and worked all of the activities that were offered during the night. To market the event, we hung posters/flyers around campus and the directors of each residential hall informed all of their students. All of the people involved agreed to make this an annual campus-wide event. But the ultimate short-term goal was to increase the student-athlete culture/diversity and to get all students to have a fun time away from the classroom.

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Westfield St. wins

Sophomore catcher **Chris Hebert** smacked a 3-run homer in the ninth inning for **Westfield State College** in a 10-3 baseball victory over host **Springfield College**. **J.P. Murphy** scattered eight hits over eight innings to earn the victory. **Adam Tarquini** went 2 for 4 for Springfield . . . Senior outfielder **Chris Mahoney** extended his hitting streak to 43 games with a double in the second inning, but **Western New England College's** five-game win streak ended with a 1-0 loss to visiting Brandeis . . . **Eric Boissy** drove in a pair of runs for **American International College** in a 5-3 road loss to UMass-Lowell.

■ **SOFTBALL:** After a 14-1 mercy rule loss in the first game, visiting **American International College** made the second game competitive, losing 6-5 in 8 innings against Bryant. **Theresa Bonavita** of Agawam drove in two runs for the Yellow Jackets . . . Host Fordham picked up its first two victories ever against the **University of Massachusetts**, sweeping an Atlantic-10 doubleheader 4-2 and 14-6.

■ **LACROSSE: Caitlin Taylor** scored three goals for host **Mount Holyoke College**, which lost 11-10 to Endicott. The Lyons led 8-5 edge at halftime.

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Westfield State College senior Jay Jeffrey displays his Midnight Madness project that he will be presenting at the NCAA Leadership Conference in late May in Orlando, Fla. Jeffrey, a Westfield State soccer player, was one of four NCAA student-athletes chosen nationwide to present his self-directed leadership project to this year's conference attendees. The idea for this "give back to the college community" project originated from Jeffrey's attending last year's Leadership Conference. Jeffrey's report on the project is published below.

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Ferguson lifts Westfield State in 10th

By **JEFF THOMAS**
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Local colleges

Troy Ferguson's single to center field plated the winning run in Westfield State College's 6-5 win over Nichols in 10 innings yesterday at Westfield.

The Owls (7-9) had a two-run lead entering the ninth inning, but four walks and a wild pitch tied the game at 5.

The winning hit was Ferguson's second hit of game. He had a two-run triple in the second inning for the Owls.

Shaun Geary and Chris Hebert of South Hadley added two hits apiece for Westfield. Joe Tremblay picked up the win in relief.

Springfield 24, Elms 4: Senior John Beattie of Longmeadow had two home runs and three doubles to lead the Pride (6-9) over the Blazers (1-6).

Anthony Gorneault of Springfield had four hits and six RBIs and East Longmeadow's Derek Yvon had three hits and drove in four runs.

Mike Zenkert had two hits, including a homer, for Elms and Jim Drummond chipped in with a home run.

Stonehill 5, AIC 4: American International sent the game into extra innings by scoring in the bottom of the ninth, only to lose in 11.

Dominic Meattey scored on a wild pitch in the ninth to tie the game at 4. Stonehill (12-7, 6-3 Northeast 10) scored three runs in the top of the frame to overcome a 3-1 deficit.

Eric Boissy had three hits for the Yellow Jackets (4-13, 0-8).

SOFTBALL

Amherst 1, Wellesley 0: Samantha Miller and Hillary Little combined on a three-hit shutout for the Lady Jeffs (7-6-1), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Ralina Shaw's single in the bottom of the sixth inning drove home the game's only run.

Wesleyan 3, Elms 2: The Cardinals (6-8) scored in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat the Blazers (7-5).

Tammie Tremblay knocked in both runs with singles for Elms.

Westfield swept: The Owls dropped to 4-10 after losing 2-1 and 3-1 to Keene State (11-1).

Liz Oliveria had an RBI single for the Owls in the first game while Christie Miller was 2 for 3 with an RBI in the second game.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Pace 25, AIC 0: The Yellow Jackets dropped to 0-4 after being shut out at home.

Ryan Gregory led the Setters (3-4) with eight goals and two assists and Kenneth Lysik scored six times.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

WNEC 13, W. Conn. 2: Melissa Roy made seven saves as Western New England College improved to 4-3.

Alyson Nowell of Feeding Hills led the Golden Bears with four goals and an assist. Audrey Kelton chipped in with three goals and three assists while Kayte Devine, Kristin Pimental and Jessica Vogel each scored twice.

Elms 11, St. Joseph's 1: Caitlin Childs had three goals as Elms upped its mark to 3-3 with a road win.

Rae Josefiak (Springfield), Lauren O'Donnell (Hampden) and Catherine Thresher each scored twice for the Blazers.

Adelphi 14, AIC 4: Caitlin Mooney scored three goals and Shannon Burke had the other tally for the Yellow Jackets, who fell to 1-2.

MEN'S TENNIS

WNEC 6, Nichols 3: Dave Stelmach and Greg Kelly each had singles wins and were on winning doubles teams as the Golden Bears improved to 3-5.

2004-2005

Men's Track & Field Defends Championships

By Mickey Curtis

In another dominating performance, the Westfield State men's track and field team won its ninth straight Massachusetts State Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship and its 22nd in the past 23 years on Sunday, May 1, at UMass Dartmouth's new facility.

The Owls also extended their impressive streak in the New England Alliance championships, which were held in conjunction with the MASCAC meet. The 10-team Alliance meet, which includes colleges from the MASCAC and Little East Conference, began nine years ago and Westfield State has won all nine championships.

Westfield only placed first in three of the 20 events in the Alliance meet, but its depth and confidence again paid off. Claiming the only individual titles were a pair of Athol natives: senior standout Peter King in the shot put and discus and junior Shawn McCorquodale with a personal best of 22-10 in the long jump.

The Owls accumulated 157.5 points in the Alliance meet, followed by Eastern Connecticut (131), UMass Dartmouth (97) and Southern Maine (93.5).

In the MASCAC meet, the Owls racked up 261 points, followed by Fitchburg State (125) and Worcester State (101).

The last time the Owls lost the MASCAC meet was in 1996 when it was edged by Bridgewater State. In that meet, standout Ryan Schmitt suffered a leg injury early in the meet that probably cost the Owls the championship. Nevertheless, their run of championships is an eye opener.

"I was pleased again with our performances," said veteran coach Sean O'Brien. "The kids know the tradition we have here and they work hard to perform well in the championship meets."

This was the year the Owls won by dominating the field events. They totaled more than half of their MASCAC points (150) in seven field events. The most dominating effort was in the shot put where they took the top five places.

King took the shot and discus crowns, placed second in the hammer throw and fifth in the javelin.

Westfield State placed first in nine of the 20 MASCAC events. The big surprise for the Owls was the performance of first-year performer Jacques Moret, who graduated from Westfield Vocational High School, which does not field a track team.

Moret claimed MASCAC crowns in the 200 (23.44) and 400 (50.93) meter dashes and was a member of the winning 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay squads. He also finished fourth in the 100 meter dash.

Two Westfield High School graduates – John Messer and Drew Soltysiak – also performed well. Messer won the 800 meter run in 2:02.52 and Soltysiak placed second in the javelin (163-8) behind teammate Dave Bergeron (180-8).

Members of the Westfield State men's track and field team take their customary victory lap after capturing the Mass. State Conference and New England Alliance Conference championshps on May 1 at UMass Dartmouth.

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Westfield State splits

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The Westfield State College baseball team bounced back from a tough loss in the bottom of the ninth of game one to earn a split of a doubleheader with Massachusetts Maritime yesterday at Buzzards Bay.

The Owls (9-11, 2-2 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference) fell 5-4 in the opener when Mass. Maritime scored off reliever Trent Rivers.

Troy Ferguson was 2 for 3 with an RBI for the Owls while Justin Parr, Shaun Gerry and Jay Brown each drove in runs.

The Westfield offense exploded in the second game, with Ferguson hitting a double and triple to lead the way to a 12-2 victory.

Brown had a triple with two RBI, Matt Gurley had two hits and three RBI, and Brett Ford and Parr each had two RBI.

Joe Tremblay went six innings, allowing one run on seven hits, to pick up his first win.

Duquesne 9, UMass 0: The Minutemen (3-18, 0-6 Atlantic 10) were swept in a three-game series as the Dukes (9-16, 4-5) took advantage of seven unearned runs.

MCLA 2-4, Salem St. 0-1: Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts received two pitching gems as it swept Salem State.

Gary Hicks of Buckland went the distance and tossed a five-hit shutout in the first game. Tom Hevey and John Maguire drove in runs for the Trailblazers (6-10, 3-1 MASCAC).

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Anthony Bruno allowed one run on five hits to get the win in the second game.

WNEC 0-3, Johnson& Wales 3-0: Chris Anderson tossed a one-hit shutout as Western New England College (13-4) split.

MIT 8-19, Elms 4-3: Jim Drummond had four hits and a pair of RBIs, but Elms was swept.

SOFTBALL

Elms 5-5, Johnson St. 0-2: Junior Kristi Guzzo tossed a no-hitter in the first of two wins for Elms.

Guzzo, of Springfield, struck out seven and walked two in winning the opener at Johnson, Vt. Freshman Michelle Leines had two hits and an RBI, and Longmeadow freshman Meagan Ahrens had a triple and two RBIs.

Springfield's Tammie Tremblay pitched the first two innings of the second game and earned the win while Guzzo pitched the final five innings for Elms (13-5, 6-0 North Atlantic Conference).

Amherst 8-6, Hamilton 0-1: The Lady Jeffs had a fine afternoon in Amherst, beating Hamilton in five innings and seven innings.

Miya Warner tossed a two-hitter in the opener, while Samantha Miller and Hilary Little combined on a 4-hitter in the second game.

Freshman Ralina Shaw had a home run among her four hits and knocked in four runs in the first game for Amherst (10-7-1, 3-1 New England Small College Athletic Conference).

Adelphi 8-5, AIC 5-3: Agawam's Teresa Bonavita had a fine day at the plate for American International College in two losses.

Bonavita was 2 for 4 with an RBI in the first game and 2 for 4 with three RBIs in the second. Tara DeMentier and Nikki Matisi added homers in the first game for AIC (3-15).

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Saint Joseph 10, UMass 7: The Hawks scored the game's final five goals to upend the Minutewomen.

UMass (4-7,1-1 Atlantic 10) had scored the previous five goals to overcome a 5-2 deficit, led by junior midfielder Kerri Connerty, who had her third consecutive hat trick.

Bowdoin 10, Williams 8: Sophomore Kaylan Tildsley scored four goals, but Williams College couldn't hold off Bowdoin.

Rachel Barr added two goals for the Ephs (5-3) and Amy Wicker and Stephanie Downs had one apiece.

Elms 15, Emerson 4: The Blazers have won three straight with Holyoke's Sheila Murphy in goal, including Saturday's victory over Emerson.

Murphy, a junior, had 14 saves for Elms (4-3) and lowered her goals against average to 4.67 per game.

MEN'S TENNIS

AIC 5, Saint Anselm 4: The Yellow Jackets snapped a 33-game losing streak dating back to 2002.

2004-2005

Women Win 8th Straight Title

MAY 2005

The Westfield State women's track and field team upped its streak to eight straight by winning the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship on Sunday, May 1, at UMass Dartmouth.

Led by another brilliant effort by senior standout Tessa Donoghue, the Owls compiled 200 points to finish ahead of a vastly improved Worcester State squad (166 points).

The 10-team New England Alliance championship was held in conjunction with the MASCAC meet, and Westfield placed second in the Alliance for its highest finish in five years. Southern Maine ran away with the Alliance crown (259.5 points) followed by Westfield (114) and Keene State (87).

MASCAC Championships
Women's Track and Field
Sunday, May 1, 2005

TEAM SCORING: 1. WESTFIELD STATE 200; 2. Worcester State 166; 3. Bridgewater State 111; 4. Fitchburg State 60; 5. Salem State 44.

FIRST: Tessa Donoghue, 100, 12.6; Heather Wenninger, 5000, 19:47.59; Caitlin Bates, 10,000, 45:13.70; Tessa Donoghue, 100 hurdles, 16.58; Tessa Donoghue, 400 hurdles, 1:08.73; Alison Wesolowski, 3000 steeplechase, 13:04.76; 4 x 100 Relay (Katelyn Kervin, Kristin Pellegrinelli, CC Costello, Tessa Donoghue), 51.84; Tessa Donoghue, high jump, 5-1; Tessa Donoghue, long jump, 17-9; Tessa Donoghue, triple jump, 38-10.25; Nicole Varteresian, discus, 100-2; Erin Coburn, hammer, 123-8.

SECOND: Marissa Blume, 1500, 5:24.21.

THIRD: Marissa Blume, 800, 2:39.68; Heather Wenninger, 1500, 5:28.96; Kristen Bodner, 5000, 21:31.56; CC Costello, 400 hurdles, 1:15.23; 4 x 400 Relay (Lindsey Nowlan, Melissa Joyce, Marissa Blume, Kristin Pellegrinelli), 4:48.93; Katelyn Kervin, long jump, 14-11.5; CC Costello, javelin, 109-6.

FOURTH: CC Costello, 100 hurdles, 17.97; CC Costello, long jump, 14-10.

FIFTH: Katelyn Kervin, 100, 13.73; Katelyn Kervin, 400, 1:08.68; Lindsey Nowlan, 800, 2:42.54; Kristen Bodner, 1500, 5:43.50; Jenn Davis, 100 hurdles, 18.69; Kristin Pellegrinelli, 400 hurdles, 1:22.11; Katelyn Kervin, high jump, 4-4; CC Costello, triple jump, 32-5.75; Timily Henrickson, shot put, 30-10.5; CC Costello, hammer throw, 96-8.

SIXTH; Melissa Joyce, 400, 1:10.24; Alison Wesolowski, 1500, 5:43.50.

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Katelyn Kervin ran on the winning relay, placed third in the long jump and finished fifth in the 100, 400 and high jump.

Tessa Donoghue takes off after receiving the baton from CC Costello in the 4 x 100 relay. Donoghue anchored the winning relay team and also won six individual events to lead Westfield State to its eighth straight MASCAC crown. Costello earned points in seven of the nine events in which she competed. Two days prior to the conference championships, Donoghue set a school record with a sensational leap of 40 feet, 2 inches in the triple jump at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

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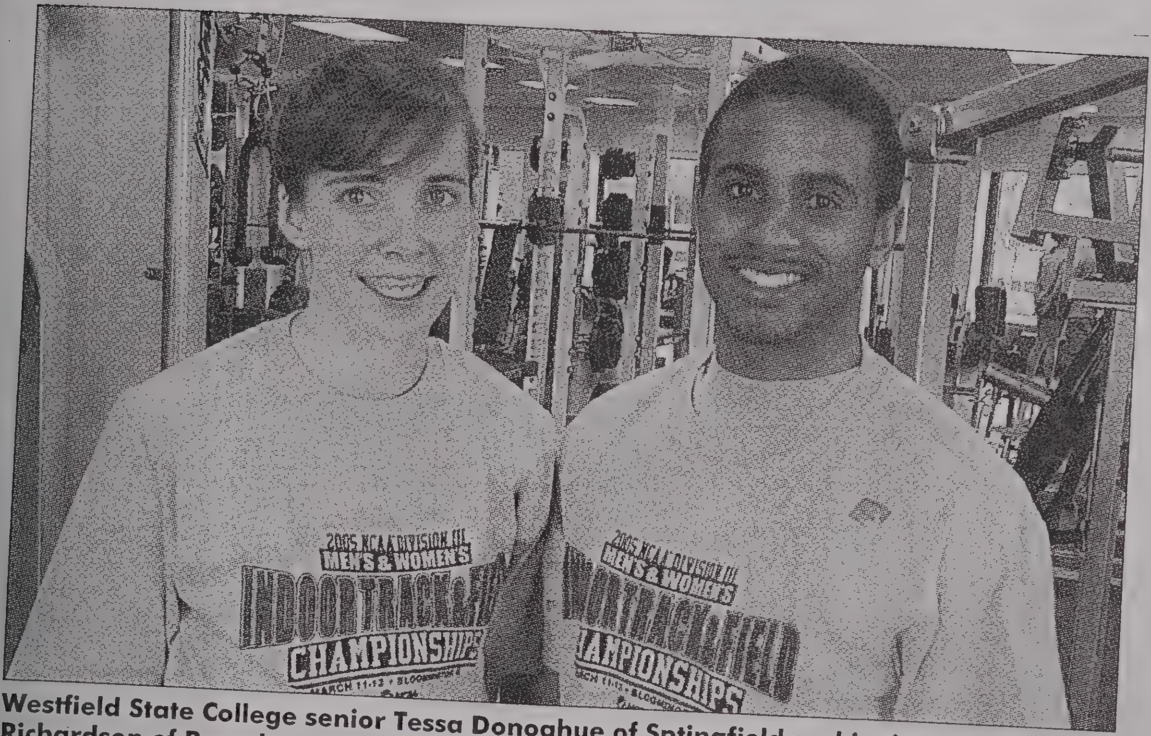

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SECOND: Robbie Crossman, 400, 52.03; Sean Kavanagh, 400 hurdles, 58.21; David Richardson, high jump,6-3.5; Matt Shannon, long jump, 21-9.5; Chris Flynn, triple jump, 41-8; Rob Byrne, shot put, 43-7; Peter King, hammer throw, 137-4; Drew Soltysiak, javelin, 163-8.

THIRD: Eric Kelly, 100, 11.61; Matt Shannon, 200, 23.54; Ben Butterfield, 400, 53.2; Ron Ricciarelli, 400 hurdles, 58.37; Andy Strniste, 3000 steeplechase, 11:25.67; Sean Marino, high jump, 5-11; Matt Dissell,shot put, 42-6; Peter King, discus, 122-6; Stan P'au, hammer throw, 122-11; Shawn McCorquodale, javelin, 162-1.

FOURTH: Ben Butterfield, 200, 23.64; Andy Messer, 1500, 4:19.88; Jacques Moret, 100, 12.27; Erik Kelly, 110 hurdles, 16.33; Eric Kelly, 400 hurdles, 1:00.04; Matt Shannon, high jump, 5-9; Dave Bergerson, triple jump, 40-7.5; Chris Jewell, shot put, 39-11.25; Rob Byrne, discus, 114-7.

FIFTH: John Krzystofik, 10,000, 38:47; Ron Ricciarelli, 110 hurdles, 16.59; Stan P'au, shot put, 39-7.25; Matt Dissell, discus, 111-3; Peter King, javelin, 143-3.

SIXTH: Andy Messer, 5000, 17:14.04; Chris Jewell, hammer throw, 94-2.

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The Westfield State women's track and field team is all smiles after winning its eighth straight Mass. State Conference championship.

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Westfield 3, Williams 2

WESTFIELD, Conn. — Westfield State's Justin O'Connor scattered eight hits in giving up two runs over 8 2/3 innings yesterday to lead the Owls over Williams 3-2.

Williams scored in the eighth inning to make the score 3-2 on an RBI double by Mark Chmiel, who went 2 for 4 on the day.

Brendan Hanifin took the loss for Williams after giving up three runs and eight hits over seven innings.

Ryan Shimmon and Troy Ferguson led Westfield at the top of the order, each going 3 for 4.

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On campus

Chris Allen, a Springfield College sophomore from Sandwich, won the high jump in a triangular track meet with Bates and Southern Maine earlier this month. Allen cleared 6-4¾ in a 160-74 win over USM, 160-70, and lost to Bates, 194-160.

Sophomore catcher **Adam Laplante** hit 333 on Wheaton College's spring trip to Clearwater, Fla., and is hitting .293 on the season. LaPlante's teammate, **Jake Yagjian**, a freshman from Nauset High, had three multiple-hit games in four starts as a second baseman/shortstop. The team went 5-2 and the only losses came to second-ranked Johns Hopkins and 13th-ranked Salisbury (Md.), with wins over the three other nationally recognized teams.

Competing on the Wheaton swimming and diving team is freshman **Elizabeth McKay** (Brewster), a former Nauset standout. Freshman **Perri Kapp** (Yarmouthport) is on the synchronized swim squad.

Junior **Vanessa Morton** (Wellfleet) led the Westfield State women's swimming team to an 8-2 record and seventh in the New England championships. Morton was runner-up in the New England finals of the 100 freestyle with a school-record time of 54.81. She also placed fourth in the 50 free, sixth in the 200 free, and was a member of four relay squads that earned points at the New Englands.

Junior **James Godinho** (Sandwich) led UMass at the recent IC4A/ECAC Championships, finishing eighth in the 500 meters to record the only top-10 finish for the team.

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Donoghue sets SC mark

Staff reports

Westfield State College senior Tessa Donoghue of Springfield set a school record en route to a third-place finish in the triple jump at the Eastern Collegiate Division of the prestigious Penn Relays at Philadelphia yesterday.

Donoghue, a Cathedral High School graduate, triple jumped 40 feet, 2 inches to surpass her previous school record of 39-9¼.

Donoghue, a 14-time All American, will defend five titles today in the New England Alliance/Mass. State Conference championships at UMass-Dartmouth.

In the 2004 conference meet, Donoghue won the triple jump, high jump, long jump, 400 and 100 hurdles, and was a member of the winning 4x100 relay team.

In events Thursday at the Penn Relays, a pair of Amherst College athletes shattered school records. Senior Carter Hamill broke her own mark in the 10,000-meter run by nearly 37 seconds, finishing second in the Olympic development section in 34:42.03.

Local colleges

Sophomore Shauneen Garrahan eclipsed Hamill's 5,000-meter record by almost 15 seconds, placing second in the collegiate section in 16:31.43.

The Lord Jeffs compete today in the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championships at Colby.

GOLF

Blazers Invitational: Elms freshman Neil Daigneault of Ludlow needed a sudden-death playoff to earn medalist honors and help his team win its annual tournament at Chicopee CC.

Daigneault defeated Husson's Ross McGee and Western New England's Adam D'Amario with a birdie on the first extra hole. The three players each shot 76.

Elms finished with a team score of 320, edging Husson (327) and WNEC (328). Five other teams competed in the event.

SOFTBALL

WNEC 11, Albertus Magnus 0: The host Golden Bears started the double-elimination Great Northeast Athletic Conference tournament in strong fashion, picking up a five-inning victory.

Erin Whitcomb ended the game with a grand slam with one out in the fifth to activate the mercy rule for WNEC (34-3, 25-0).

UMass sweeps: Junior pitcher Jenna Busa celebrated her 21st birthday by tossing a one-hit shutout in the second game of an Atlantic-10 doubleheader against LaSalle at Amherst. The Minutewomen (28-14-1, 11-3) hit five home runs to give them a school record of 38 this season.

BASEBALL

WNEC 6, Johnson & Wales 1: Sophomore designated hitter Garrison Ward's three-run double in the eight inning broke a 2-2 tie and gave host WNEC (27-5) a second-round GNAC Tournament victory.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Temple 12, UMass 6: Samantha Sepulveda and Shelley Boyle scored two goals apiece for the visiting Minutewomen (5-11, 1-5 Atlantic-10) in a losing effort. Allison Frengs had a game-high four goals for Temple (9-6, 5-1).

MEN'S LACROSSE

Merrimack 17, AIC 1: Alex Gisaru of East Longmeadow scored three goals for visiting Merrimack (11-4, 9-1 Northeast-10).

Owls keep tournament hopes alive

WESTFIELD — The Westfield State baseball team kept its conference postseason tournament hopes alive by sweeping a doubleheader from Framingham State, 4-2 and 7-2, Thursday.

The Owls are 6-6 (14-18 overall) in the conference and play at Salem State on Saturday in their regular season finale. Framingham dropped to 9-17 and 3-9.

The Owls scored four runs in the first inning of both games and received solid pitching performances from junior Joe DelSoldato (West Stockbridge) and sophomore Joe Tremblay (Westhampton).

DelSoldato went the distance in the first game, allowing three hits and two walks while striking out five. The southpaw started the second game and pitched the first two innings, allowing a second-inning run. Tremblay earned the victory, allowing five hits and a walk while whiffing three over the final five frames.

In the opener, Westfield collected four of its six hits in the first inning. Justin Parr (North Attleboro) had a runscoring single and senior first baseman Brett Ford delivered a two-run double.

Westfield leadoff batter Troy Ferguson (Rochester) was 2 for 4.

WOMEN: The Westfield State softball team received two stellar pitching performances from junior Beth Garfield (Brockton) and senior Leah Peterson (Lakeville) to sweep a doubleheader from Framingham State, 1-0 and 4-2, in key conference action April 28.

The Owls improved to 8-4 in the conference (13-18 overall), while Framingham evened its records at 15-15 at 6-6.

Westfield has a key doubleheader Saturday at Salem State in its conference regular season finale.

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PANEL DISCUSSION: A panel discussion entitled “Self Confidence for Sport and Life” will take place April 13 at 7 p.m. at West Springfield High School. The discussion is directed at female athletes, their parents, coaches and athletic directors. The event is free, open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Guest speakers include Dr. Mimi Murray, professor of physical education at Springfield College, and Westfield State College women’s soccer coach Heather Langone.

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Old friends meet as rivals on the lacrosse field

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They grew up two houses apart on Joseph Avenue in Westfield.

They've been friends since age 4.

They will turn 40 later this year.

Johnny Funaro is six months younger than Mark "Cav" Cavallon. He should have been in the class behind him. But Johnny insisted he get to go to kindergarten with his friend.

The two bonded over sports: Baseball, basketball and football.

By high school, lacrosse was part of Johnny and Cav's athletic cavalcade.

Why? Simple.

Jeff Beach and Brian Woods from the neighborhood, both a year older, were playing for Westfield High.

"Then you discover that it is a sport that combines so many others," Cav says. "It's like basketball, hockey and soccer. It's the best of all the sports."

Cav was great from the start. A midfielder, he could run. And run. And run. He also had the knack for scoring goals.

Johnny was a work in progress. An attacker, he could carry the ball. He was a feeder, a passer. He set up a lot of goals.

Both played on some pretty good Westfield High lacrosse teams.

In the early 1980s, the Bombers were the only team in Western Massachusetts that even challenged Longmeadow High, then the area's dominant lacrosse power.

"But it wasn't even that close," Cav says. "To stay within five goals of Longmeadow was like a moral victory back then."

In 1983, Johnny and Cav were named to the All Western Mass. team.

Both played college lacrosse. Cav at the University of Massachusetts; Johnny at Westfield State College.

They also played together for the Westfield Cranx, a team in a men's summer league. Johnny still does. He says he can't outgrow it.

People still ask, "You're still playing?"

"Like I have an illness, or something," he laughs.

Johnny is a mental health counselor at Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

Cav is a business teacher at Hampshire Regional High School in Southampton.

People still mistake them for twins. They don't see that.

But both are about 5-foot-10 with light-colored hair. Both have an Italian/French heritage.

Johnny thinks Springsteen is a god. Cav's musical tastes run more toward the bluegrass of Allison Krauss.

Johnny likes documentaries and the kind of films played at the Pleasant Street Theater in Northampton. Cav is more of a Blockbuster kind of guy.

Cav married last summer.

Johnny is still single.

Both coach high school lacrosse.

Johnny is a first-year coach at Agawam.

Cav is back for his second turn as the head man at Westfield.

Johnny is Bob Knight-intense. He's even friends with the Basketball Hall of Fame coach.

Cav is more laid back.

Johnny claims he's still not over a JV basketball overtime loss to the High School of Commerce three years ago. He laughs, says he isn't kidding.

Cav admits he might process losing differently than his friend.

"But, do I lose sleep over games we lost that we should have won?" he asks. "Yes, I do."

In Agawam this afternoon, at 3:30, Johnny and Cav will meet for the first time as opposing varsity coaches.

Westfield versus Agawam.

Old friend vs. old friend.

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Bertini returns to roots, to coach WSC women's hoops

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Andrea Bertini is returning to her roots as she was named today as the women's basketball head coach at Westfield State College.

A 1996 Westfield State graduate, Bertini was a four-year standout for the Owls.

The 3-point shot specialist helped to lead Westfield State to two NCAA Tournaments and two ECAC postseason bids.

"More than anything, I think it's a tremendous opportunity to go back and coach where I played," said the Salem, Mass., native. "Not many players get the chance to do that and I feel fortunate."

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Donoghue gets heralded honor

Westfield State College's Tessa Donoghue is the NCAA Division III women's track and field athlete of the year.

By DICK BAKER
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Recent Westfield State College graduate Tessa Donoghue has been selected as the 2005 NCAA Division III women's track and field athlete of the year by the Collegiate Women's Sports Awards sponsored by Honda.

The prestigious Honda award is given to the top women's athlete in each of 12 sports. Those winners advanced to a final ballot for the national women's athlete of the year. Donoghue was the only New England representative to make the final balloting. This year's award was won by Missy Buttry of Wartburg College, a three-time national cross country champion.

Tessa Donoghue

"I was really excited about it," Donoghue said. "I didn't do as well as I'd like at the nationals this year, so it's a good feeling to be recognized for my accomplishments."

With the award, American Honda Motor Company will donate $1,000 to the women's athletic fund at Westfield State.

Donoghue, a Cathedral High School graduate, finished second in the triple jump and fourth in the long jump at last month's NCAA Division III national championships. After transferring from Wheaton College to Westfield for her junior year, Donoghue earned six All-American certificates.

As a freshman at Wheaton, she won the national championship in the long jump, a feat she now calls her biggest thrill.

"There was a lot of satisfaction in just getting the opportunity to compete, and getting more consistent as the years went on," Donoghue said of her collegiate career.

But Donoghue is not done.

"I've always wanted to coach," she said. "I've applied for some graduate assistant positions but there aren't many available. I took a little break from training the last couple of weeks, but I'm going to start again. I still want to compete in open meets."

Donoghue led Westfield State to its eighth straight Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference title by winning seven of the 21 events at the conference championship this season. She holds the school record in the 400-meter dash (58.17 seconds), the long jump (19 feet, 6.25 inches), and the triple jump (40-3 1/4).

"This is a great honor for our Tessa and our track and field program," Westfield coach Sean O'Brien said. "Besides being very talented, Tessa is a hard worker. Usually the athletes who have all the talent in the world don't want to work hard, but she does.

"We won't be able to replace her. She could have gone anywhere she wanted. She could have gone Division I and competed and been successful."

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Robert C. Brockney

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WESTFIELD - Robert C. Brockney, 40, of Westfield, died Tuesday May 17th, 2005 at Noble Hospital. He was born in Springfield on April 23, 1965 and has been a lifelong resident of Westfield. He attended St. Mary's Schools and was a 1983 graduate of St Mary's High School. He also attended Westfield State College. He was involved in hockey, baseball and soccer. He was employed by Hamilton Sundstrand in the overhaul and repair department as a Jet Fuel Control Technician for the past 21 years. He was a member and was on the Board of Directors of St. Rocco's Men's Club. He was also a member of the Westfield Elks Club. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed snowmobiling. He leaves his mother Nancy F. (Falconer) Brockney. His father Robert W. Brockney died in 1988. He also leaves a brother, David R. Brockney of Westfield, a sister Lori J. Blanchette and her husband Raymond; a niece, Kristen Salois; and a nephew, Jason Salois, all of Westfield. The funeral will be Monday at 11am from the Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad St., Westfield, with burial to follow in Pine Hill Cemetery in Westfield. Calling hours will be Sunday from 2-5pm. Memorial donations in Robert's memory may be made the American Heart Assoc. 1111 Elm St., Suite 9A West Springfield, MA 01089.

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Westfield State College men, women enjoy MASCAC championships

In another dominating performance, the Westfield State men's track and field team won its ninth straight Massachusetts State Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship and its 22nd in the past 23 years recently at UMass Dartmouth's new facility.

The Owls also extended their impressive streak in the New England Alliance championships, which were held in conjunction with the MASAC meet. The 10-team Alliance meet, which includes colleges from the MASCAC and Little East Conference, began nine years ago and Westfield State has won all nine championships.

Westfield only placed first in three of the 20 events in the Alliance meet, but its depth and confidence again paid off. Claiming the only individual titles were a pair of Athol natives: senior standout Peter King in the shot put and discus and junior Shawn McCorquodale with a personal best of 22-10 in the long jump.

The Owls accumulated 157.5 points in the Alliance meet, followed by Eastern Connecticut (131), UMass Dartmouth (97) and Southern Maine (93.5).

In the MASCAC meet, the Owls racked up 261 points, followed by Fitchburg State (125) and Worcester State (101).

The last time the Owls lost the MASCAC meet was in 1996 when it was edged by Bridgewater State. In that meet, standout Ryan Schmitt suffered a leg injury early in the meet that probably cost the Owls the championship. Nevertheless, their run of championships is an eye opener.

"I was pleased again with our performances," said veteran coach Sean O'Brien. "The kids know the tradition we have here and they work hard to perform well in the championship meets."

This was the year the Owls won by dominating the field events. They totaled more than half of their MASCAC points (150) in seven field events. The most dominating effort was in the shot put where they took the top five places.

King took the shot and discus crowns, placed second in the hammer throw and fifth in the javelin.

Westfield State placed first in nine of the 20 MASCAC events. The big surprise for the Owls was the performance of first-year performer Jacques Moret, who graduated from Westfield Vocational-Technical High School, which does not field a track

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team.

Moret claimed MASCAC crowns in the 200 (23.44) and 400 (50.93) meter dashes and was a member of the winning 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay squads. He also finished fourth in the 100 meter dash.

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LADY OWLS

The Westfield State women's track and field team upped its streak to eight straight by also winning the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship recently.

Led by another brilliant effort by senior standout Tessa Donoghue, the Owls compiled 200 points to finish ahead of a vastly improved Worcester State squad (166 points).

The 10-team New England Alliance championship was held in conjunction with the MASCAC meet, and Westfield placed second in the Alliance for its highest finish in five years. Southern Maine ran away with the Alliance crown (259.5 points) followed by Westfield (114) and Keene State (87).

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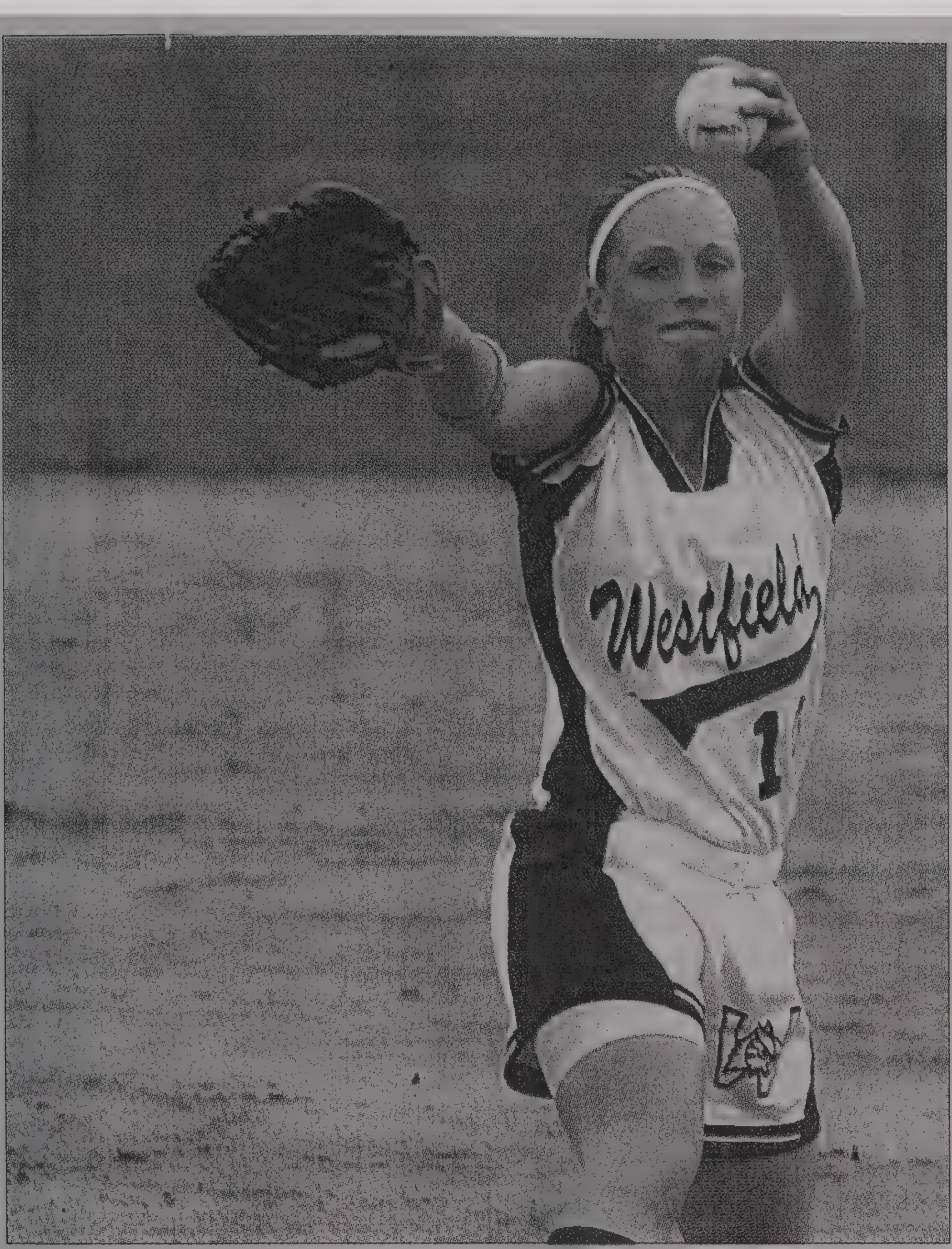

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Westfield State senior and Lakeville native, Leah Peterson throws a pitch during a MASCAC Tournament game at Bridgewater State on Friday.

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Westfield's warrior

Lakeville's Peterson did it all for Lady Owls

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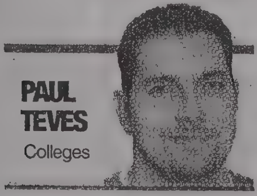

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Colleges

The Bridgewater State College softball team came away with the 2005 MASCAC tournament championship, but there were few players, if any, that played better during this weekend's tournament than Westfield State College senior, and Lakeville native, Leah Peterson.

After dropping the first game of the tournament to BSC on Thursday afternoon, Peterson was outstanding, pitching a pair two-hit shutouts Friday against Fitchburg State and Salem State College to advance to yesterday's championship round.

Peterson and the Lady Owls dropped the opener in disappointing fashion, as two of the three runs in the 3-0 loss were unearned.

Undaunted, the southpaw rebounded with a two-hit, 3-0 shutout of Fitchburg State on Friday morning, and a two-hit, one walk, 4-0 shutout of Salem State later that same day.

Peterson entered both elimination games with the knowledge that the Owls had been

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swept earlier in the season by both the Falcons of Fitchburg and Salem State.

For Peterson, this weekend's performance was the culmination of an solid four-year career, and a phenomenal senior campaign.

Not only was Peterson the Owls No. 1 pitcher this season, but she was also Westfield's top offensive player from her leadoff spot in the order.

The two-time MASCAC All-Star led the team in batting average (.365), runs scored (20) and hits (38), but she was at her best in the circle.

The former Apponequet Regional star boasted a 1.29 ERA in 26 appearances, including 24 starts. She tossed 22 complete games and finished the year with four shutouts, including two this weekend. Of the 65 runs allowed during her 157 innings of work only 29 were earned, and she also struck out 113 batters this season.

Peterson, who split time with Stephanie Essenburg in high school, has always shared the circle, but this year she's been the Owls go-to pitcher.

"This is the first year where pitching has been my predominant role," Peterson said. "I have always played other positions, because there has always been other pitchers on my team, but I have pitched more this year than I have in any other year that I have played, high school and college. I have pitched the majority of the games this year, more than I am used to, but that's OK because I love pitching."

When she's not in the circle, Peterson is doing everything else Westfield head coach Lou Ann Simchak needs her to do.

"You can't say enough about [Peterson]. She's turned our program around," Simchak said. "We count on her for everything. When she is not pitching, we expect to see her playing first base, we've had her in the outfield. She will do anything we ask of her. She has just been such an attribute to our program."

Peterson, who played a lot of first base during her high school career at Apponequet, doesn't mind seeing time in the field.

"Growing up I had to learn to play so many different positions," Peterson said. "At Apponequet I played first, and my freshman year here I played in the outfield. Since coming to Westfield, [Simchak] has put me in the position to do a lot of other things, like be the leadoff batter. I really enjoyed playing those other positions."

When Simchak recruited Peterson, she knew she was getting something special, and it became evident in her freshman year, when she nearly upset BSC in the MASCAC tournament's championship round in only her third collegiate start.

"As a freshman four years ago, she pitched against Bridgewater State in the playoffs, and we lost 2-0," Simchak said. "We got an absolute player in Peterson, which is something you don't usually get in D-III. At this level you usually get a part. Someone who can hit the hell out of the ball, or you'll get someone who can play great defense, but with Peterson we got the whole package. Her head is always in the right place all the time. She is outstanding."

Simchak attributes much of Peterson's success to her dedication to the sport of softball.

"Her work ethic is probably the best I have seen in a very long time," Simchak said. "She stays after practice every day with the hitting machine. She is the last to leave, and the first one there. Like I told her mom, when she graduates, we will be crying for a week. We've just watched her mature year after year into such a great player."

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Owls suffer heartbreaker

BRIDGEWATER — Sophomore Elizabeth Hallisey singled in freshman Nicole Hebert from second base with the game-winning run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift Bridgewater State to a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Westfield State in the championship game of the 2005 Mass. State Conference softball tournament on Sunday.

With the victory, the Bears captured their second straight MASCAC tournament title and advance to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the second straight year, the seventh time in the last eight years, and the 18th time in the history of their storied program.

Bridgewater (23-15) rallied for three runs over the last two innings to overcome a 3-1 deficit. The Bears plated two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning after WSC had taken the lead in the top half of the inning on RBI singles by sophomore Emily Tangney and freshman Katie Silva.

On Friday, Westfield State sophomore Lindsey Adams (Westfield) powered Westfield State past Salem State 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference postseason game.

Adams was 3 for 3 with two doubles and three RBI.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tessa Donoghue won the long jump and the Westfield State men's team placed ninth at the New England Division III outdoor track and field championships held May 7.

Donoghue defended her title with a long jump of 18-6. It was the only event the senior standout from Springfield competed in at the women's championships held at Bates College.

In the men's meet at Springfield College, the Owls placed in the top 10 even though two of their top athletes — All America high jumper David Richardson and long jumper Shawn McCorquodale — did not compete.

Drew Soltysiak, a sophomore from Westfield High School, placed sixth in the javelin with a personal best of 171-2.

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"She can do so many different things, I have to pull the reins in on myself because she can do every event in the world and I don't want to wear out her legs," Westfied State track coach Sean O'Brien says of Tessa Donoghue, left, practicing taking the baton from teammate CC Costello.

Born to compete

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Donoghue caps stellar career at Westfield State

By JEFF THOMAS
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If Tessa Donoghue realizes her dream of one day coaching track and field, she'll be well prepared for the job.

The Springfield native and senior at Westfield State College is good enough to compete – and win – in 10 events on the NCAA Division III level, and has the 14 All-America honors to prove it.

And she's not done yet.

"So far it's a good way to end my college career, but there's still a few meets left," said Donoghue.

Each weekend in May brings another big meet for Donoghue. May 1 was a combination of the New England Alliance Men's And Women's Outdoor Track & Field championships and the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championships at UMass-Dartmouth.

Days before that was the Penn Relays. On tap are the All-New England meet (May 13-14), Eastern College Athletic Conference championships (May 19-20) and the NCAA Division III national championships (May 26-28).

At the MASCAC and Alliance combination meet, Donoghue competed in seven events – six individual and one relay – and placed first in all seven, leading Westfield State to the MASCAC team title. In the New England Alliance meet her numbers were *only* good enough for five firsts and two thirds.

"She can do so many different things, I have to pull the reins in on myself because she can do every event in the world and I don't want to wear out her legs," Owls coach Sean O'Brien said. "The one meet she does do a lot of things is the conference meet."

Even then O'Brien restricts her to one attempt at the triple jump and long jump and maybe a couple of tries at high jump. She still won all three events, as well as the 100 meters, 100

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meter hurdles and 400 meter hurdles.

Donoghue, a granddaughter of Springfield Mayor Charles V. Ryan, had not run the hurdles since graduating from Cathedral High School, but still had the talent and knowledge to win both events and lead Westfield to the MASCAC title.

"Besides being very talented, she's a hard worker," said O'Brien. "Usually the guys that have all the talent in the world don't want to work to hard.

"And Tessa really is one of the nicest girls," O'Brien added. "She's one of those types who helps everyone else out in practice."

At the New England Div. III championships at Bates College on Saturday, Donoghue only competed in the long jump, defending her title with a jump of 18 feet, 6½ inches.

Donoghue didn't experience the same kind of relaxed atmosphere in her 2½ years of college at Wheaton. Sure, she helped Wheaton to the NCAA Div. III national championship in her freshman and sophomore years, and was even crowned national champion in the long jump as a freshman.

But success didn't breed happiness and Donoghue yearned for home.

"(Being closer to home) was part of the reason, but I wasn't really happy at the school and there wasn't much going on there," said Donoghue. "I think it's easier for me to focus on track when I'm closer to home and can get a home-cooked meal."

The experience at Wheaton was such that Donoghue wasn't sure she even wanted to continue competing in track and field. When she transferred to Westfield State, she made no effort to contact coach O'Brien.

"Some of the kids saw her in the weight room and they all came running upstairs and said 'Tessa Donoghue is working out in the weight room!' " said O'Brien.

Despite that knowledge, O'Brien said he made no effort to approach Donoghue, wanting whatever was going to happen to be her doing.

"I didn't know if she wanted to run anymore, she was kind of worn out at Wheaton," he said. "I think a week later she was in my office. It was a pleasant surprise."

One indoor season and two outdoor seasons later, Donoghue has helped the Owls to two MASCAC outdoor titles, three school records (400 meters, long jump and triple jump) and four All-America honors.

Now she has her sights on at least two more All-America honors. Donoghue has already qualified to compete in the nationals in the triple jump, her favorite event, and has qualified provisionally for the long jump, meaning her jumps have been good enough that she could be chosen to compete in nationals without having reached the minimum distance.

"I think my goal going into the season is always to try and win nationals," said Donoghue. "My distances have been getting better but I haven't hit my personal best in long jump. Hopefully I'll peak at nationals this season."

Nationals will mark the end of her college career, but it won't be oneeasily forgotten.

"She's been a big part of the team and she's gone to nationals numerous times, we won't be able to replace her I tell you that," said O'Brien. "She could have gone anywhere she wanted, she could have gone Division I and competed and been successful.

"That was my main emphasis with her, I just wanted her to enjoy it and I think she enjoyed it here at Westfield," O'Brien added. "I think she'd make an excellent coach, that's for sure."

Donoghue said she isn't quite sure of her near future, whether to find a job or go to graduate school. And despite the bloodline, politics isn't a consideration.

"I've never thought about it, but some of my aunts and uncles really get into it," Donoghue said. "(Mayor Ryan) has been really supportive of my track career. His mother was actually a hurdler and jumper, I just found out."

Donoghue now knows where her talent comes from, the next question is what will she do now? O'Brien has a suggestion.

"I wouldn't mind having her coach here next year," said O'Brien.

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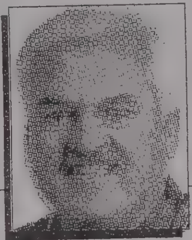
Peterson named MASCAC player of the year



Colleges

JIM FENTON

LEAH PETERSON of Lakeville did a little bit of everything for the Westfield State College softball team this spring.

The senior co-captain was among the statistical leaders in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference in pitching and hitting, and she also contributed to the Owls as a first basemen.

The Apponequet Regional High graduate has been rewarded for all she accomplished at Westfield State this season.

Peterson was named the MASCAC player of the year, earned a spot on the all-conference first team as a pitcher and was selected to the second team as a designated player.

"She had just a great year, to say the least," said Westfield State coach **Lou Ann Simchak**. "She did everything for us. She's a coach's dream. Anything you ask of her, she'd do it for the team."

Peterson, an all-conference pick as a sophomore and junior, was first among MASCAC pitchers in strikeouts (119), games (27), innings (163⅔) and opposing batting average (.196). She was second with a 1.41 earned run average and 10 wins.

On offense, Peterson was fourth in the MASCAC with a .374 average, fourth in hits (40 in 35 games) and third with a .417 on-base percentage.

It was an incredible end to a career that started with Peterson joining the Owls as a walk-on player.

"She's the best walk-on I ever had," Simchak said with a laugh. "We were playing at Bridgewater in a tournament and her dad came up to me and said, 'My daughter is going to Westfield next year and can play.' I said, 'What position?' That was basically it until she got to school that fall."

Peterson was an outfielder who did a little pitching as a freshman and sophomore, then went 8-5 as a junior with a 2.30 ERA and 73 strikeouts in 2004 when she hit .375 to lead Westfield.

In her final season, Peterson put it all together to help the fourth-seeded Owls advance to the MASCAC title round where they lost to Bridgewater State, 4-3, last weekend.

"By far, this was her best year as a pitcher," said Simchak. "She pitched a lot for us, and the more she pitches, the better she gets.

"I was telling people in the fall season that we were going to have the No. 1 pitcher in the conference. You could just see it with Leah. It was only because of her work ethic. Nobody was more determined than this girl."

Peterson began the season as the No. 2 hitter in the lineup, but when the leadoff batter went out with an injury, she moved up a spot.

A left-handed hitter, Peterson made things happen at the top of the batting order, easily adapting to her new role in the order.

"The work ethic of this girl is incredible," said Simchak. "She was the first one out to practice 30 or 40 minutes before it started and was the last to leave. She'd work hitting off the pitching machine and just never quit. She just wanted it bad.

"When I told her she was going to be leading off, she said, 'Coach, I'm ready.' She just excelled doing that.

"She played first base when she wasn't pitching and was just a vacuum over there. She's just a natural for the game of softball. She knows what to do and does it."

The versatility Peterson displayed in her final season at Westfield is testament to that.

"I told her, 'Now you've got to go find me a couple more players just like you,'0 " said Simchak.

Three local players joined Peterson on the All-MASCAC first team, including Fitchburg State College sophomore shortstop **Keri Kravetz** (.292 with five doubles and 18 RBI) of West Bridgewater, Bridgewater State's **Meghan Murphy**, a junior DP who is hitting .324 with five homers and 25 RBI, and freshman first baseman **Danielle Trull-Donahue**, a Stoughton High graduate.

Trull-Donahue, the MASCAC rookie of the year, leads BSC with a .366 average and has 19 RBI.

Earning spots on the all-conference second team were BSC senior outfielder **Kim Olson** (.287, 18 RBI) and the Bears' freshman pitcher **Stephanie Pierce** (5-2, 1.59); Mass. College of Liberal Arts sophomore shortstop **Carissa Everett** of West Bridgewater; and Mass. Maritime Academy senior pitcher **Fellicia Porawski**, an Apponequet graduate.

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Peterson selected player of the year

Four Westfield State players - led by conference Player of the Year Leah Peterson - were named to the 2005 Mass. State Conference softball all-conference team.

Peterson earned all-conference honors as a pitcher for the third straight year in leading the Owls to a runner-up finish in the MASCAC postseason tournament. She was a first-team all-conference pitcher this season and in 2004, and a second-team pick in 2003.

Peterson pulled a rare double as she was selected to this year's second team as the designated player. The Lakeville, Mass., native also played first base and outfield.

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Trio Delivers

Three Athol natives recently earned All-New England honors at the collegiate New England Championships at the University of New Hampshire.

Shawn McCorquodale, who attends Westfield State College, became the first-ever New England champ from Athol when he won the long jump with a leap of 23-4.5. He bested athletes from Dartmouth College, UConn and UMass-Lowell en route to victory.

Westfield State's Peter King competed in two field events. He placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 51-8.5 and 12th in the discus with a toss of 139-11.

Owen Kiely, who's a junior at Wesleyan, took third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 9:12.80.

All three Athol-etes have provisional qualifying marks for the NCAA Division III Championships, which will be held in Waverly, Iowa on May 26-28.

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Westfield State baseball players named all-conference

Westfield State sophomore infielders Troy Ferguson and Justin Parr were selected to the 2005 Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) first team all-conference baseball team.

Ferguson, a left-handed hitting shortstop from Rochester, Mass., led the Owls in eight statistical categories while batting from the leadoff position: hitting (.375 batting average), hits (51), doubles (9), triples (6), slugging percentage (.640). runs scored (33), RBI (27) and stolen bases (10). He ranked second on the team with five home runs.

Parr, a second baseman from North Attleboro, Mass., batted .311 in his first season of intercollegiate baseball. Parr tied for the team lead in walks (17) and ranked second in on base percentage (.434) and sacrifice hits (5).

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Donoghue leads Westfield State at ECAC Division III track and field championships

SPRINGFIELD – Paced by two first-place finishes from Tessa Donoghue, the Westfield State track and field teams turned in a fine showing at the ECAC Division III championships at Springfield College on May 19-20.

In the top-flight women's competition that featured 68 teams from 10 states in the Northeast, Donoghue placed first in the long jump (18-9) and triple jump (39-9) in preparation for this week's NCAA Division III national championships at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. The senior standout from Springfield Cathedral High School is currently ranked first in the country in both events.

Donoghue also competed in the high jump, placing fifth by clearing 5-4 1/2. Also competing for the Westfield women was junior CC Costello, who finished 12th in the javelin with a season-best of 120-1.

Westfield earned points in five field events in the men's meet to place ninth in the 64-team field with 26 points.

Senior thrower Peter King of Athol placed in two events. King finished second in the shot put with a school-record heave of 52-6 and placed seventh in the discus (145-2).

Junior David Bergeron (Northbridge) placed third in the javelin with a personal-best of 196-9 that will likely qualify him for the national championships. Also placing third was junior high jumper David Richardson (Beverly), who cleared 6-8. Placing fifth for the Owls was junior Shawn McCorquodale in the long jump (22-8).

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Lenfest is new Westfield AD

UMass' Torra named pitcher of the year by the Atlantic 10

Eagle Staff Reports

It's a pretty good week for collegians with Berkshire County ties. Lee native Dick Lenfest Jr. was named athletic director at Westfield State College yesterday.

Lenfest is leaving American International College, where he has been an assistant athletic director and an assistant women's basketball coach.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of leading a premiere college athletics program, and to getting to know the Westfield State College community — especially the students, faculty and coaches," said Lenfest, in a statement from the college.

In addition to his coaching and administrative responsibilities at AIC, Lenfest also was an assistant professor of sports management.

At American International, Lenfest managed 16 varsity sports, including Division 1 ice hockey. He was the school's compliance coordinator and worked on long-range marketing and planning.

Prior to joining AIC fulltime, he had been the assistant general manager of the Pittsfield Mets from 1991-99. He has also been the head boys' basketball coach at Lee High.

The news was also good for Matt Torra of Pittsfield, who received the first of what could be several honors yesterday. The University of Massachusetts righthander was named the Atlantic 10 Conference's pitcher of the year.

Torra finished the season with a league-best 1.14 earned run average and 111 strikeouts. The junior was 6-3 this year. Torra is fourth on the all-time UMass list with 213 career strikeouts. Opposing hitters are batting just .172 against him.

Twelve Williams College track and field athletes will be competing in the NCAA Division 3 championships, this weekend at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Seven men will compete. They are: Dan Austin in the discus, Neal Holtschulte in the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs, John Symanski in the 200, Mike Davitian in the 1,500, while Symanski, Andrew Arons, Max Mokgosi and Drew Raab will make up the 4x100 relay team.

Five women are going to the meet: Caroline Cretti in the 5,000 and 10,000, Joyia Chadwick in the heptathlon, Caroline Doctor and Kristen Moss in the triple jump, and Anna Morrison in the

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Lenfest gets new job

Lee's Dick Lenfest will leave AIC now that he has been hired by Westfield State as its new director of athletics.

By **DICK BAKER**
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Dick Lenfest, an avid New York Yankee fan who worked for the New York Mets organization for nine years, is in some pain these days.

Two weeks ago, he underwent the same ankle surgery that Red Sox hurler Curt Schilling had, and suspects it's some kind of additional post World Series payment for his pin stripes attachment.

Dick Lenfest

Despite his baseball allegiance, the good state of Massachusetts is not holding it against him. Yesterday, Lenfest was named as the new director of athletics at Westfield State College after spending six years as assistant athletic director and assistant women's basketball coach at American International College.

A native of Lee, Lenfest's desire to pursue a career in athletic administration came from watching his father, Richard Lenfest Sr., the former athletic director at Lee High School.

"He taught me how to handle different situations, he was always calm," Lenfest said.

During Lenfest's six years at AIC, the women's basketball team had five 20-win seasons.

"I think Westfield State made a great hire, and he'll be sorely missed," said AIC women's head coach Pete Cinella, a longtime friend who grew up with Lenfest in Berkshire County. "He's a great motivator. He did an outstanding job coordinating the offense. He made a big impact on our program."

With Lenfest's departure, former Yellow Jackets standout Kristen Patterson of Agawam will move up to the top-assistant post.

Cinella said Patterson is ready to take on more responsibility, including play-calling on offense.

Lenfest said he had mixed emotions about leaving AIC.

"Bob Burke (AIC athletic director) was so helpful to me, he had boat loads of experience, and treated me great," Lenfest said.

At AIC, Lenfest helped direct 16 varsity sports, all Division II except for ice hockey (Division I). He was also the compliance coordinator for the school, and was instrumental in long-range planning, marketing, and fundraising efforts. Additionally, he managed the intramural program, and the student fitness facilities.

"We are pleased and excited to welcome a new director with the right experience to lead Westfield State athletics in the future," WSC president Vicky L. Carewin. "With his background in Division I and II, and familiarity with intramural and fitness facilities, I am confident he will work hard to strengthen our sports and recreation programs."

Lenfest was the assistant general manager with the Pittsfield Mets baseball team from 1991-99 where he gained valuable experience in marketing, sales, and human resources.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Massachusetts sports management program, Lenfest coached the varsity boys basketball team at Lee High School for three years. He earned a master's degree in business administration from AIC.

"My first priority will be getting to know the system, and the coaches," Lenfest said. "I am looking forward to the challenge of leading a premiere college athletics program."

Lenfest and his wife Joanna are expecting their first child in July.

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Westfield State hires Richard Lenfest as new Athletics Director

WESTFIELD – Westfield State College has announced that Richard Lenfest of Springfield, has been selected as director of athletics.

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His appointment will begin officially on June 20.

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Richard Lenfest

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Morning briefing

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Westfield State star 2nd in nationals

Cathedral High School graduate **Tessa Donoghue** of Westfield State College finished second in the triple jump at the NCAA Division III track and field championships at Waverly, Iowa, yesterday with a ~~leap of 39 feet, 9½ inches,~~ trailing only the jump by Doreen Nagawa of Wilmington College at 41-1¾. Donoghue, a senior, was fourth in the long jump Friday. "Anytime you come away with All-American medals, you've got to feel good about it," Westfield State coach **Sean O'Brien** said.

■ **LACROSSE:** Johns Hopkins University advanced to the NCAA men's lacrosse national title game, rallying to beat Virginia 9-8 at Philadelphia. Hopkins' **Jake Byrne** scored with 1.4 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game at 8-all, and **Benson Erwin** scored the winner with 50.7 seconds left in overtime. Top-seeded Johns Hopkins will face second-seeded Duke, an 18-9 winner over No. 3 Maryland, tomorrow.

■ **BASEBALL: Dave Savard** went 3 for 5 with an RBI as Rhode Island won its first Atlantic 10 baseball championship with a 9-7 win over George Washington at Dayton, Ohio. The Rams (34-19) earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

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Westfield State's Woodward Center wins design award

WESTFIELD - The Woodward Center academic and athletic facility at Westfield State College has received an Innovative Architecture & Design Award from *Recreation Management* magazine. The center was one of 14 new buildings from across the country to be featured in the magazine's May/June edition.

The building's designers, Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc., of Cambridge, submitted the project for the award. The buildings are judged not only for their appearance and innovative design, but also for their recreational value, functional and operational elements, craftsmanship and originality of plan and design, which includes creative use of space.

Timothy Mansfield, who led the Woodward Center project, told the magazine that designers worked within budget and space limitations to maximize the usable floor space in this multifunctional facility. In the main 36,000-square-foot athletic performance area, the firm managed to fit in an NCAA-regulation track, three basketball courts, a volleyball court and seating for 1,000 spectators.

There are also state-of-the-art weight-training areas, locker rooms, laboratories, classrooms, offices and reception areas. The building accommodates the college's athletics program and the Movement Science, Sport and Leisure Studies Department, as well as providing facilities for community groups and the college staff and students.

"The primary goal was to provide an up-to-date facility that would simultaneously serve the needs of the academic and athletic programs," said Carol Persson, chair of the Movement Science Department. "The free-flowing and wide-open layout permits two large programs of somewhat dissimilar missions to successfully co-exist."

The 80,000 square-foot facility was dedicated in September 2004 and named for Frederick W. Woodward, the former college president who led he effort to construct the center.

The Republican, Thursday, June 16, 2005

Morning briefing

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WSC athlete cited

Westfield State College senior **Peter King** of Athol (Athol High School) was recently selected as the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference's Howard C. Smith Male Scholar-Athlete of the year. The award is presented annually to a male and female senior student-athlete who have excelled both academically and athletically while a student of a Massachusetts state college. To be considered for the award, a student-athlete must have achieved at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and be in his or her last year of athletic eligibility. King, who majored in criminal justice at Westfield State, was an eight-time All New England and a four-time ECAC All-Conference performer while competing in the shot put and discus. King broke three long-standing school records in the discus (150 feet even), the outdoor shot put (52-6) and the indoor shot put (52-1¼). He was named the Westfield State College Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Peter King

The Republican, Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Springfield woman wins top track honor

Westfield State College photo

Tessa Donoghue of Springfield, a 2005 graduate of Westfield State College, was named 2005 NCAA Division III track and field athlete of the year by the Collegiate Women's Sports Awards sponsored by Honda.

WESTFIELD – Recent Westfield State College graduate Tessa Donoghue of Springfield has been selected as the 2005 NCAA Division III track and field athlete of the year by the Collegiate Women's Sports Awards sponsored by Honda.

To celebrate this prestigious honor, American Honda Motor Co. Inc. will donate $1,000 to the women's athletics fund at Westfield State College.

The Honda program has completed its 29th year (its 18th year at the Division III level) and recognizes the top women's collegiate athletes in each of 12 sports. The 12 recipients were listed on a final ballot as candidates for the Division III Collegiate Women's Athlete of the Year, and Wartburg College's Missy Buttry, a three-time national cross country champion, was selected the athlete of the year. Donoghue was the only New England representative on the final ballot.

"This might be the most impressive honor ever bestowed upon a Westfield State College athlete," said Westfield State sports information director Mickey Curtis. "Tessa truly deserves this award, but to be selected the best women's track and field athlete in the entire NCAA Division III is still difficult to fathom."

Donoghue's accomplishments were hard to overlook. A graduate of Cathedral High School, she transferred to Westfield State College during her junior year from Wheaton College, where she was an eight-time All American, including the NCAA long jump champion her freshman year. Also, she was a member of three national champion 4 x 400 relay teams at Wheaton.

During the past two years, she became the most highly decorated athlete in the storied Westfield State track and field program. She earned six All America certificates, including a second place in the triple jump and a fourth in the long jump at last month's NCAA Division III national championships.

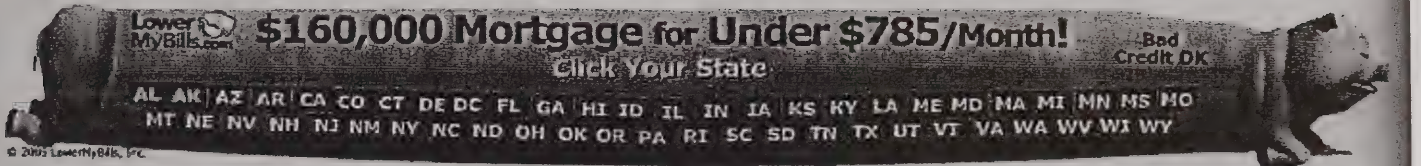
Competing against the best athletes in the Northeast, Donoghue was an 11-time All New England and a six-time All-ECAC performer at Westfield State during the indoor and outdoor seasons. She captured three New England Division III long jump titles and won ECAC championships in the long and triple jumps.

Donoghue led the Westfield State women's track and field team to its eighth straight Massachusetts state title by winning seven of the 21 events in the conference championship meet. She holds Westfield State school records in the 400-meter dash (58.17), the long jump (19-6¼'), and the triple jump (40-3¼).

"This (Honda Award) is a great honor for Tessa and for our track and field program," said veteran head coach Sean O'Brien. "Besides being very talented, Tessa is a hard worker. Usually the athletes who have all the talent in the world don't want to work hard but she does."

"We won't be able to replace her," O'Brien continued. "She could have gone anywhere she wanted, she could have gone Division I and competed and been successful."

Submitted by Westfield State College sports information director Mickey Curtis.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Sports

Westfield's warrior

By PAUL TEVES Gazette Staff Writer 05/09/2005

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The Bridgewater State College softball team came away with the 2005 MASCAC tournament championship, but there were few players, if any, that played better during this weekend's tournament than Westfield State College senior, and Lakeville native, Leah Peterson.

After dropping the first game of the tournament to BSC on Thursday afternoon, Peterson was outstanding, pitching a pair two-hit shutouts Friday against Fitchburg State and Salem State College to advance to yesterday's championship round.

Peterson and the Lady Owls dropped the opener in disappointing fashion, as two of the three runs in the 3-0 loss were unearned.

Undaunted, the southpaw rebounded with a two-hit, 3-0 shutout of Fitchburg State on Friday morning, and a two-hit, one walk, 4-0 shutout of Salem State later that same day.

Peterson entered both elimination games with the knowledge that the Owls had been swept earlier in the season by both the Falcons of Fitchburg and Salem State.

For Peterson, this weekend's performance was the culmination of an solid four-year career, and a phenomenal senior campaign.

Not only was Peterson the Owls No. 1 pitcher this season, but she was also Westfield's top offensive player from her leadoff spot in the order.

The two-time MASCAC All-Star led the team in batting average (.365), runs scored (20) and hits (38), but she was at her best in the circle.

The former Apponequet Regional star boasted a 1.29 ERA in 26 appearances, including 24 starts. She tossed 22 complete games and finished the year with four shutouts, including two this weekend. Of the 65 runs allowed during her 157 innings of work only 29 were earned, and she also struck out 113 batters this season.

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Peterson, who split time with Stephanie Essenburg in high school, has always shared the circle, but this year she's been the Owls go-to pitcher.

"This is the first year where pitching has been my predominant role," Peterson said. "I have always played other positions, because there has always been other pitchers on my team, but I have pitched more this year than I have in any other year that I have played, high school and college. I have pitched the majority of the games this year, more than I am used to, but that's OK because I love pitching."

When she's not in the circle, Peterson is doing everything else Westfield head coach Lou Ann Simchak needs her to do.

"You can't say enough about [Peterson]. She's turned our program around," Simchak said. "We count on her for everything. When she is not pitching, we expect to see her playing first base, we've had her in the outfield. She will do anything we ask of her. She has just been such an attribute to our program."

Peterson, who played a lot of first base during her high school career at Apponequet, doesn't mind seeing time in the field.

"Growing up I had to learn to play so many different positions," Peterson said. "At Apponequet I played first, and my freshman year here I played in the outfield. Since coming to Westfield, [Simchak] has put me in the position to do a lot of other things, like be the leadoff batter. I really enjoyed playing those other postions."

When Simchak recruited Peterson, she knew she was getting something special, and it became evident in her freshman year, when she nearly upset BSC in the MASCAC tournament's championship round in only her third collegiate start.

"As a freshman four years ago, she pitched against Bridgewater State in the playoffs, and we lost 2-0," Simchak said. "We got an absolute player in Peterson, which is something you don't usually get in D-III. At this level you usually get a part. Someone who can hit the hell out of the ball, or you'll get someone who can play great defense, but with Peterson we got the whole package. Her head is always in the right place all the time. She is outstanding."

Simchak attributes much of Peterson's success to her dedication to the sport of softball.

"Her work ethic is probably the best I have seen in a very long time," Simchak said. "She stays after practice every day with the hitting machine. She is the last to leave, and the first one there. Like I told her mom, when she graduates, we will be crying for a week. We've just watched her mature year after year into such a great player."

Goodbye Chieftains

After a year-long process that involved alumni, fans, friends, parents and administrators, Stonehill College announced Wednesday that its nickname will be changed from Chieftains to Skyhawks beginning July 1.

Skyhawks was one of seven potential nicknames submitted for consideration last summer.

The name refers to an airfield built on the Ames estate on the property the college currently sits on. The airfield, built by Frederic Lothrop Ames Jr., the great-great grandson of Oliver Ames, included two runways for use by aircraft of that era, and remnants of the airfield are located near Stonehill's current athletic fields.

"Skyhawks truly represents a link to Stonehill's past and embodies a true athletic

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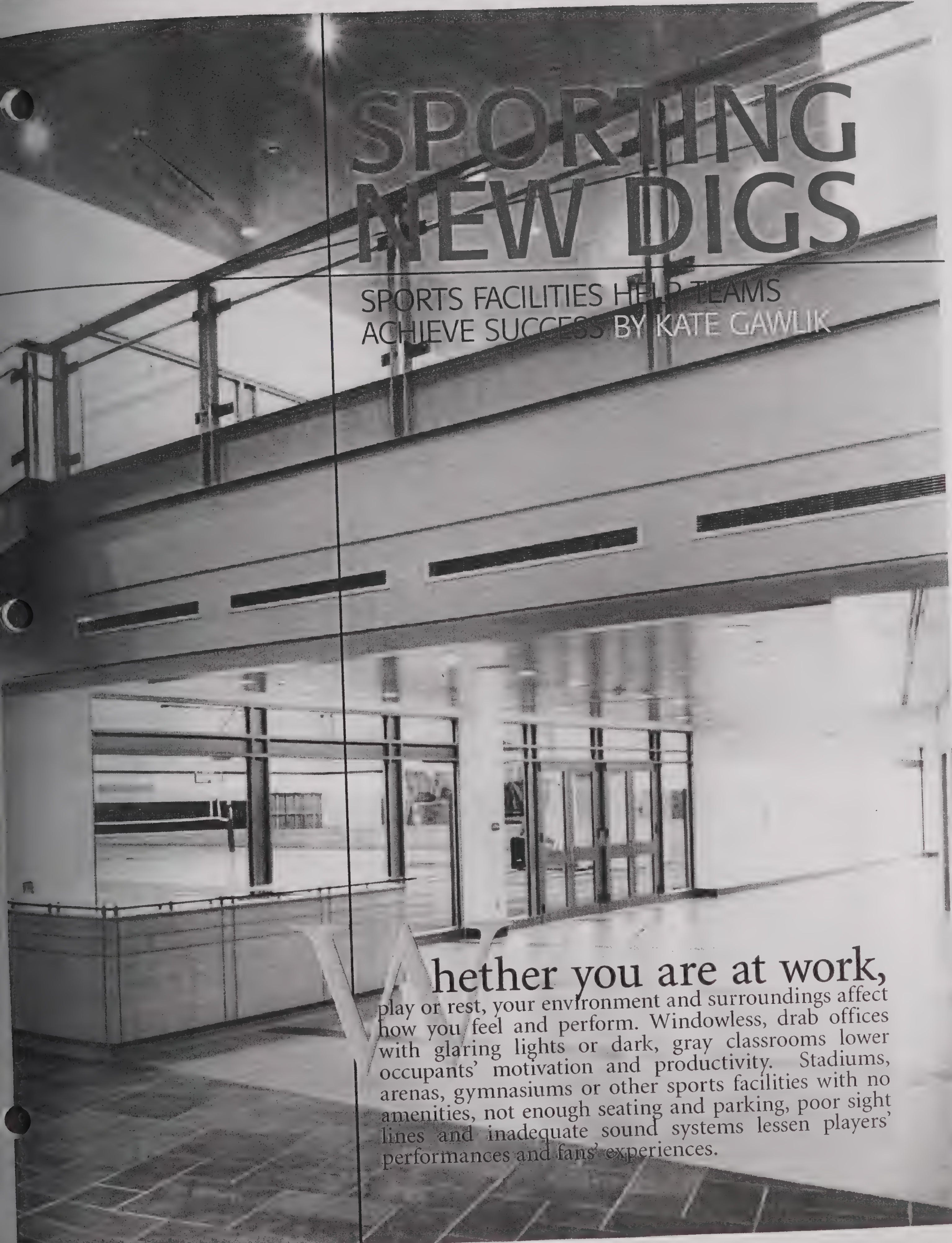
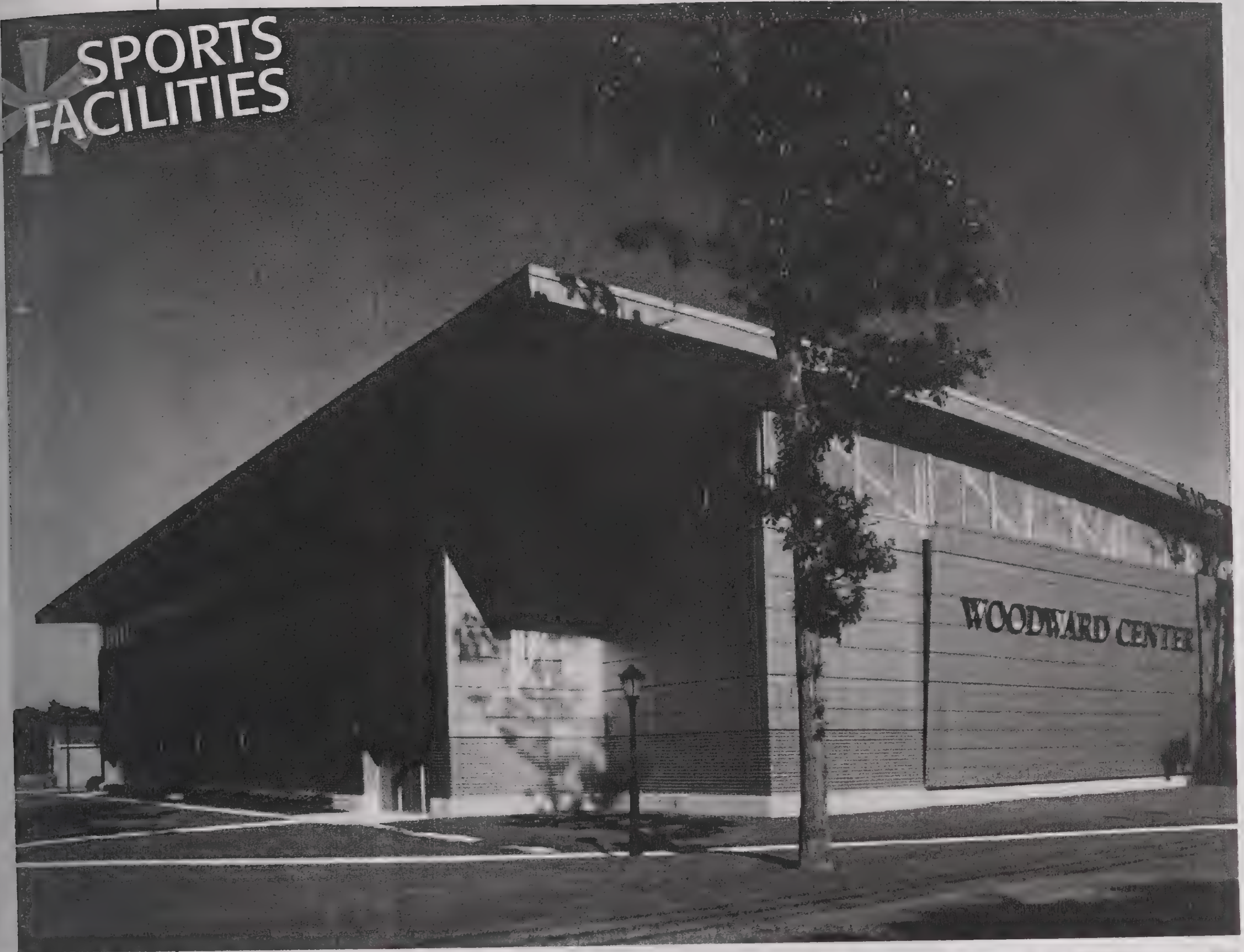
SPORTS FACILITIES HELP TEAMS ACHIEVE SUCCESS

BY KATE GAWLIK



Whether you are at work, play or rest, your environment and surroundings affect how you feel and perform. Windowless, drab offices with glaring lights or dark, gray classrooms lower occupants' motivation and productivity. Stadiums, arenas, gymnasiums or other sports facilities with no amenities, not enough seating and parking, poor sight lines and inadequate sound systems lessen players' performances and fans' experiences.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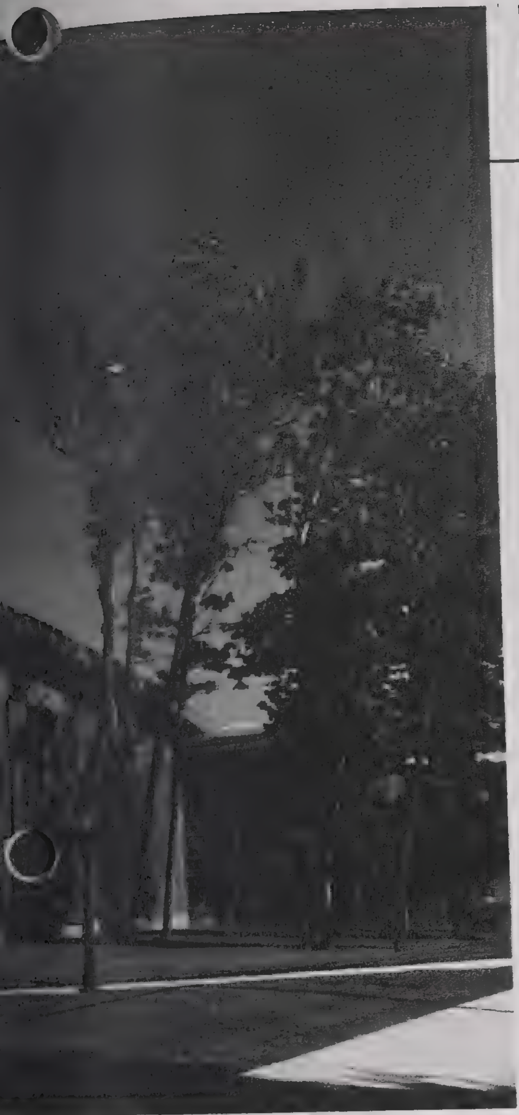

Westfield, Mass.-based Westfield State College's Woodward Center includes a field house for NCAA Division III events, as well as space for offices, classrooms, laboratories and other amenities.

Others involved with the project include architect, NBBJ Sports and Entertainment, Los Angeles; associate architect, Agoos/Lovera Architects, Philadelphia; civil engineer, Hunt Engineering, Malvern, Pa.; erector, Cornell and Co., Woodbury, N.J.; general contractor, Turner-Keating-McKissack, Philadelphia; and structural engineer, Arup, Los Angeles.

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Sports facilities for colleges and universities no longer are just for sporting events. They now include classrooms, offices and other amenities for professors and students. The Woodward Center at Westfield State College, Westfield, Mass., is an 80,000-square-foot (7432-m^2) facility that contains a 36,000-square-foot (3344-m^2) field house. The field house contains the school's NCAA Division III athletics—one varsity and two practice basketball courts, a varsity volleyball court, four-lane regulation competitive track and seating for 1,000 spectators. The

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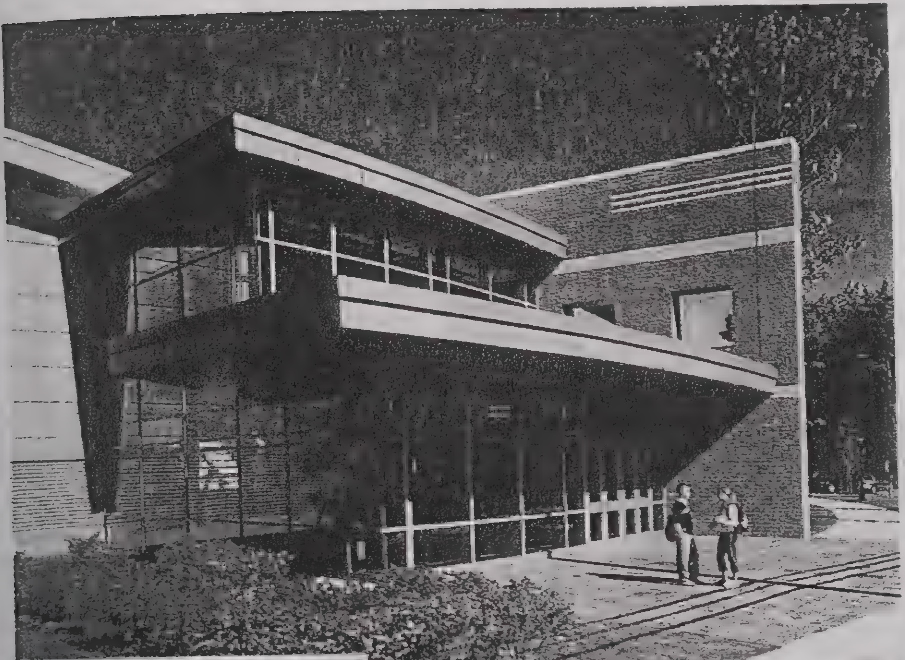


Woodward Athletic Center
Westfield State College

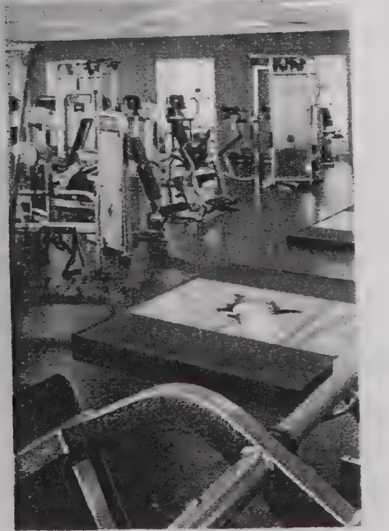
Featuring a four-lane NCAA regulation competition track and top athletic surfacing, the $14-million Woodward Center at Westfield State College for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is drawing athletes, coaches and spectators to its premier facilities as a new Division III venue.

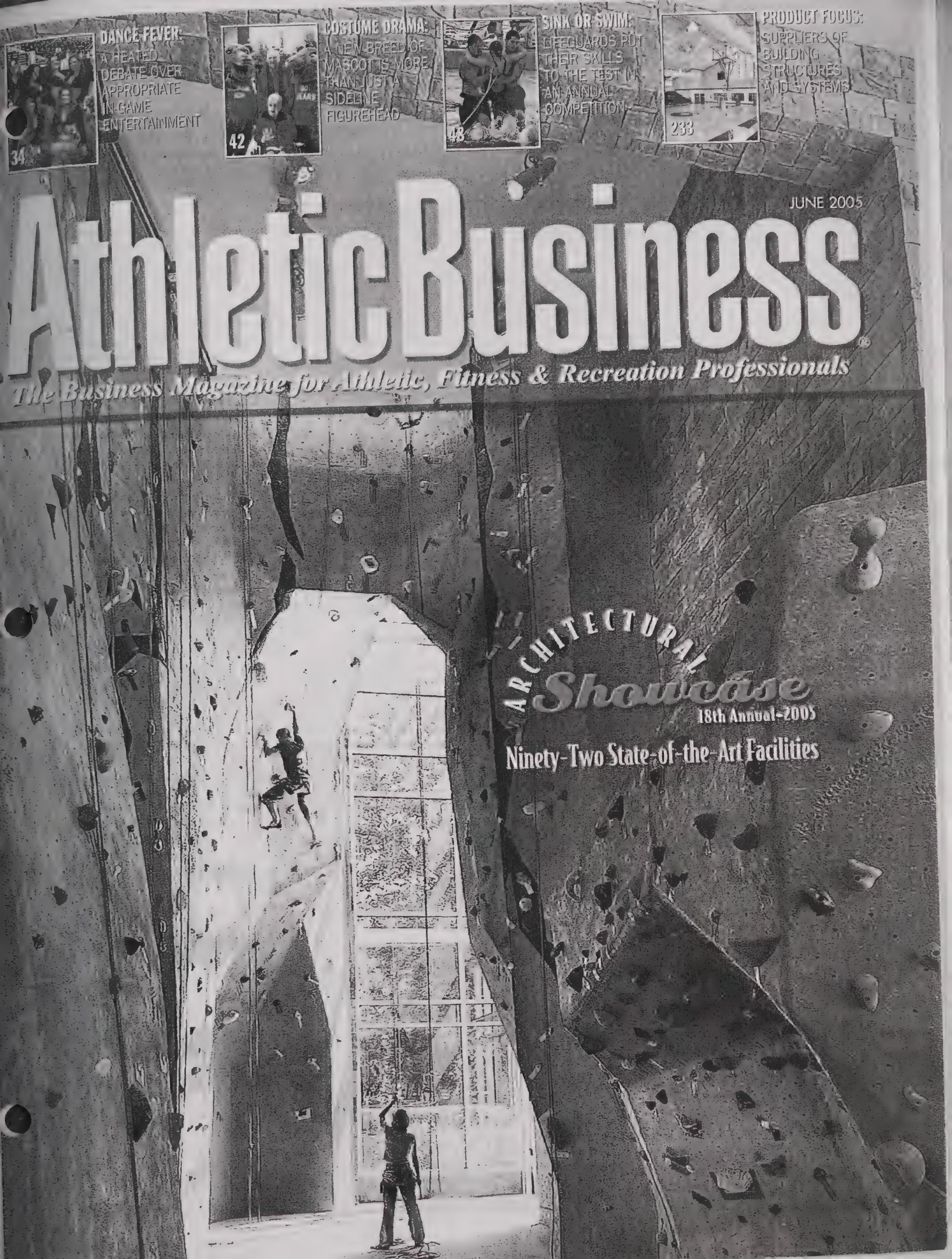
Designed by Cambridge Seven Associates as a distinctive and vibrant image on campus and competitive recruitment tool, the Woodward Center is the consolidated home for the Athletic and Movement Science, Sport and Leisure Studies Departments. The new 80,000-sq.-ft. facility also includes an expansive 36,000-sq.-ft. field house with one varsity and two practice basketball courts, varsity volleyball court and seating for 1,000; aerobics and weight conditioning areas; locker rooms; departmental offices; laboratories and classrooms, lobby, reception and concession space. The light-filled lobby includes a large feature wall, circulation spine and grand staircase.

As a unified complex, the center prominently communicates the vitality and dynamism of the athletic and academic programs it houses. The exterior is comprised of warm tones of cast stone, glass and various profiled metal panels. Academic spaces are housed in a long, rectilinear element that is contextual to the brick language of the campus buildings. The field house is distinguished by a gently curved roof, clerestory windows that filter warm daylight into the interior space and a combination of flat and ribbed metal panels that create a fresh, energetic look.

The field house and academic spaces are designed from the inside out, keeping circulation to a minimum and allowing maximum space for program elements and the installation of a NCAA track. Efficient planning and budgeting also allowed the college to invest in top performance products and equipment, such as Mondo Sports performance flooring. The design uses cost-effective materials in innovative ways, such as concrete masonry unit block with custom colors and proportion, and metal panels providing a dynamic aesthetic and design flexibility for the curved roof and truss system, which also simplified rather than complicated the construction process.

The new Woodward Center is an excellent example of a client, user and design team working together from the beginning on site selection and programming through to construction to give the users a building that they are proud of and a project within budget.





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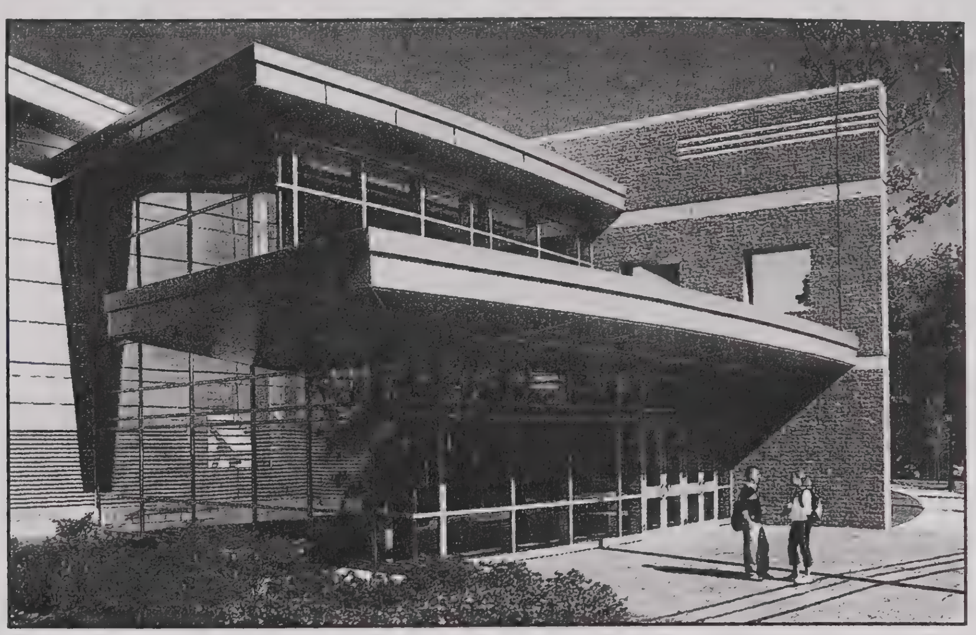


Common concrete masonry units encase the fin wall and academic portion of the building, but are enriched by the varying proportions, colors and aggregates present in both ground- and split-faced block.

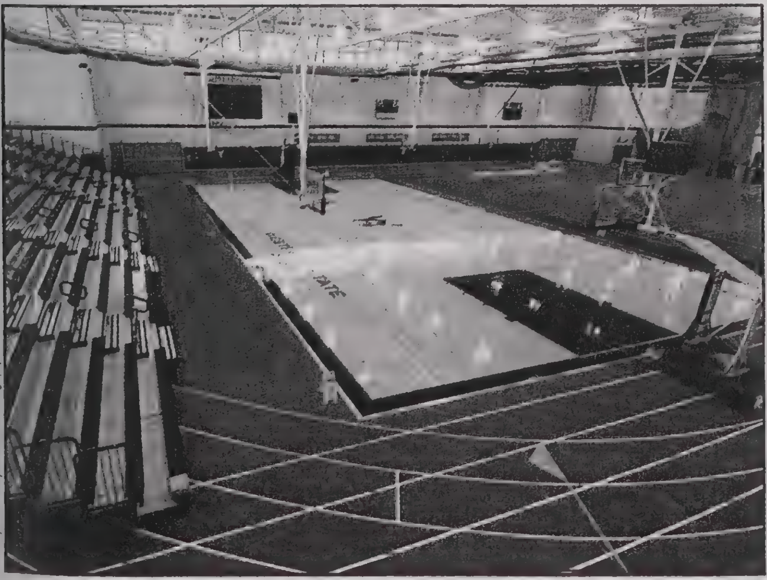
Featuring a high-performance field house with a four-lane NCAA-regulation competition track, the new Woodward Center at Westfield State College is intended to represent the top echelon of Division III facilities.

Designed from the inside out to minimize circulation and maximize program space, the center consolidates activities formerly scattered around campus. The new facility includes an expansive 36,000-square-foot field house with a varsity basketball court, two practice basketball courts, a varsity volleyball court, a 165-meter competition track and spectator seating for 1,000. Also included are a lobby, concessions space, cardio and weight-training areas, locker rooms, departmental offices, laboratories and classrooms.

Prominently located adjacent to the school's football stadium, the center is set back 80 feet from the street by a buffer of trees, creating a look consistent with the rest of campus. The exterior is comprised of warm tones of cast stone, glass and metal panels. Academic spaces are housed in a long, rectilinear element that is contextual to the campus' brick architecture. The field house is distinguished by a gently curved roof, clerestory windows and a combination of flat and ribbed metal panels.

A large feature wall serves as a portal to a light-filled lobby. Glass trophy cases double as windows into the weight-training room. A circulation spine leads to the field house and first-floor weight-training, sports medicine and equipment rooms, lockers and cleat vestibule/mud room. A grand staircase leads to a second-floor hall of fame, which introduces the main conference room overlooking the stadium and playing fields.

A grand staircase leads to a second-floor hall of fame, which introduces the main conference room overlooking indoor and outdoor activity spaces.



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The facility was designed to minimize circulation and maximize program spaces, such as the NCAA-regulation track.

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KEEPING TRACK OF WSC

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By MICKEY CURTIS
WSC Sports Info Director

It's been a generation of dynamic success for the Westfield State College track and field program.

On the men's side, the Owls juggernaut has captured nine straight Massachusetts State Conference (MASCAC) championships and 22 titles in the past 23 years. Since winning their first MASCAC title in 1974, the Owls have claimed 26 of 32 crowns. In addition, Westfield has also won all eight championships in the 10-team New England (state colleges) Alliance Conference.

The Westfield State women's track and field team has created a dynasty of its own, winning eight consecutive MASCAC championships.

As with all winning programs, the Owls' success starts at the top with talented and stable leadership. The architect of the men's team was legendary coach Gerry Gravel, who began the Westfield men's program in 1970. Gravel coached the team for 28 seasons, leading the Owls to regional and national recognition. His teams were particularly strong in the 1980s, as Westfield won New England Division III outdoor championships in 1980 and 1985, placed second in 1981 and 1988, took third in 1982 and 1989, and finished fourth in 1986.

Despite the impressive team achievements, Gravel stressed individual accomplishments as well. The mentor guided 39 All Americans and 139 national qualifiers in NCAA Division III championship meets.

"If you maximize the potential of each individual, winning will take care of itself; if there is one main key, that is it," the WSC Hall of Fame coach said. "I rarely asked athletes to make personal sacrifices to score points for the team. They often came to me and volunteered to participate in more events to score points for the team.

"If the athletes come to realize that their personal goals are important within the system, and they can work toward them, they will be highly motivated," he added.

Other keys to Gravel's winning formula were that Gravel recruited outstanding student-athletes, worked long hours, and was a smart and caring coach from the "old school." To this day he still keeps in touch with many of his former athletes.

"My main role was that of an educator," Gravel said. "And my coaching style consisted of a system of multipliers. If I taught someone something, I asked that person to teach someone else. The upperclassmen often did much of the teaching and most of the motivating. I never worried about team spirit, team cohesion or team goals. Eventually, team members came to realize that they had common goals and that if they encouraged others they would get support in return."

Gravel lives near San Diego but still remains close to the Westfield State track and field program. Even he is amazed at the ongoing success, much of which can be attributed to Sean O'Brien, who has served as head coach of the men's and women's teams for the past seven seasons.

"I am always in awe of the effort we have in conference meets," said O'Brien. "We have a tradition to uphold, and the kids just find a way to get it done."

O'Brien has mirrored many of Gravel's coaching traits, including an emphasis on recruiting, which is a tireless task even for tradition-laden programs. But O'Brien has a lot to offer high school prospects, including an indoor track and field facility in Westfield State's sparkling new field house.

Nearly half of the Owls' men's roster hails from western Massachusetts. O'Brien, an Orange native himself, recruits the Franklin County area heavily, and this year is no exception. Athol natives Shawn McCorquodale and Peter King have been major players for the Owls. McCorquodale, a junior, won this year's All New England (Divisions I, II, III) long jump title; he is only the second Westfield athlete to achieve this feat. King broke longstanding school records in the discus (150 feet) and shot put (52 feet, 6 inches) and was selected both the Westfield State and MASCAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

And Western Mass. residents graduating from high schools that don't have track and field teams were also key contributors. O'Brien predicts that sophomore Robbie Crossman (Gateway Regional) will excel at 400 meters. Jacques Moret, a Westfield Voke graduate, won the conference 200 meter and 400 meter sprint titles in his first year on the track.

McCorquodale narrowly missed qualifying for this year's NCAA Division III outdoor championships, but the Owls did send three athletes to the national meet: junior David Richardson (high jump), junior David Bergeron (javelin), and senior sensation Tessa Donoghue (long jump, triple jump).

"Qualifying for championship meets is always the most overriding attitude," said Gravel. "Championship meets are great educational experiences."

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Gravel missed by photo finishes coaching several men's national champions. But Westfield State does have two national champions on the women's side. Westfield native Cindy Sturm won the 3,000 meter run in 1982, and Rowe native Claudine Rice claimed the national hammer throw title in 1994.

Donoghue did win the national long jump title as a freshman at Wheaton College, where she was an eight-time All American before transferring to Westfield State as a junior. The Springfield Cathedral graduate has had a Hall of Fame career in just two seasons at Westfield State. Her accomplishments in an Owl uniform are simply amazing. She earned six All-America certificates, three in both the long and triple jumps, and numerous All New England honors, including New England long jump titles in 2004 and 2005. In this year's conference championships, she placed first in seven of the meet's 21 events.

"It's been a pleasure coaching Tessa," said O'Brien. "She's a hard worker and the nicest girl. She is always helping her teammates in practice."

Talent, teaching and teamwork — that's what makes Westfield a winner in track and field.

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Shawn McCorquodale soars through the air.

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Westfield State names baseball, soccer coaches

WESTFIELD, MA- Westfield State College director of athletics Richard Lenfest has announced the hiring of three new head coaches: Ray Arra (baseball), Matt Noyes (men's soccer), and Todd Ditmar (women's soccer).

Arra had been the Owls' acting head baseball coach this past season. He has been a highly successful coach in Western Mass. for the past 40 years. The Westfield resident was an assistant at Westfield State in 2003 and 2004, working primarily with the pitching staff.

Arra, who recently retired after 32 years of teaching middle school, won more than 400 American Legion and high school games. His high school teams qualified for nine postseason tournaments and his Legion teams never finished below second place. He was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.

A 1965 graduate of Westfield State, he was inducted into the college's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997. He starred in baseball and basketball at Westfield State, and was the baseball team's Most Valuable Player in 1963 and 1964 and a three-year co-captain.

Noyes was the head boys' soccer coach for the past five seasons at Lenox High School - his alma mater - where he transformed and 1-16 team into a tournament contender in four years.

Ditmar was the head women's coach at Bay Path College for the past 12 years. During his tenure, Bay Path won North Atlantic Conference championships in 1998, 2002 and 2004.

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Devine to be inducted into Westfield State HOF

WESTFIELD - Six former Westfield State College standouts with strong ties to Western Massachusetts will be inducted into the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame this year. The 10th annual inductions will be held on Friday evening, October 14, on the Westfield State campus.

The Class of 2005 includes Westfield natives Bill Devine (Class of '75, track and field) and Donna McLean ('87, softball/basketball), former Westfield State softball coach and Holyoke native Joyce O'Donnell, Huntington's Heather Cabral ('92, field hockey/softball), Springfield's Ben Adams ('75, basketball), and Amherst resident Garry Beard ('78, baseball).

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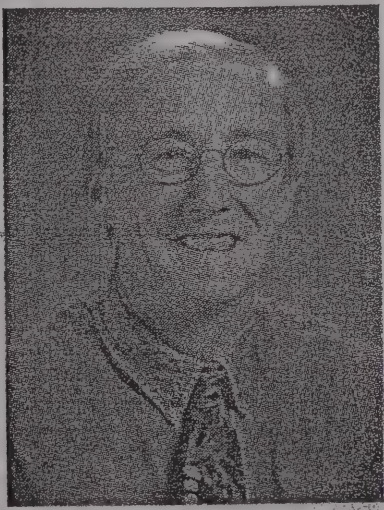

Bill Devine

Bill Devine was a valuable member of the Westfield State track and field team during its formative years in the early 1970s. The Westfield native and current coach at Monson High School was a team captain whose work ethic was an inspiration to his teammates. The leadership skills he exhibited at Westfield State have stayed with him as he has coached cross country, track and field, and basketball at Western Mass. high schools for the past 30 years.

Devine was not one of Westfield State's most gifted athletes, but he did earn All-Conference honors in the 200-meter dash and as a member of the 4x100 and 4x400 relays teams. The Owls' 4x400 relay squad finished seventh in his senior year (1974) at the NCAA Division III national championships with a time of 3:19.6.

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Prior to attending Westfield State, Devine served a tour of duty with the Marines in Vietnam. Fluent in Vietnamese, he interrogated prisoners of war. Westfield State Hall of Fame track and field coach Gerry Gravel calls Devine the most mentally tough athlete that he has ever coached and a great role model.

Devine graduated from Westfield High School in 1965 and participated in football, basketball, and track and field. He received the William Crane Trophy for excellence in scholarship and athletics and the Rod Tyler Award for excellence in track.

Devine majored in art at Westfield State and received a master's degree in art from Assumption College in 1981. Devine is extremely proud that many of his Monson High School students continued their educations at prestigious art colleges. Furthermore, he has coached many runners who have participated in intercollegiate sports.

A dedicated teacher and coach in the Monson School District for the past three decades, Devine has served as both the varsity cross country and boys' basketball head coach at Monson High School since 1976. In cross country, his teams have compiled a 262-128 record with five league titles and a Western Mass. runner-up finish in 2002. His basketball coaching record is 270-245 with a league title in 1980.

After a three-year stint (1993-95) as the track and field head coach at Palmer High School, Devine instituted the Monson High School track and field program in 1996 and has served as the head coach for the past decade. He received Monson High School's Distinguished Service Award in 1995.

Devine remains busy during the summer months by working at numerous basketball camps. He has been an executive board member of the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association for the past 25 years, and was the association's president in 2001. He received the association's Division III coach of the year award in 1994.

Devine and his wife, Elaine, reside in Monson. They have two children, Elizabeth (25) and Luke (21).

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Athletes & Activities

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SPORTS SHORTS

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA** Who is the only player to have 100 or more RBI is six or more consecutive seasons with the Boston Red Sox? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•**WINCHESTER NATIVE GARY BEARD** has been selected as a member of the 2005 Inductees into the Westfield State College Hall of Fame.

Garry Beard ranks as one of the finest hitters and defensive players in the history of the Westfield State baseball program. Beard still holds the school record for career batting average for those who played at least three years at Westfield State. Beard batted .387 during a four-year stretch that began in 1975, and set a then single-season school record by hitting .434 during his senior year in 1978. He also set a school record with 10 doubles that season. He finished his fine four-year career with a .593 slugging percentage and 12 home runs.

The Winchester, Mass., native batted .393 during his junior year and led the Owls with a .617 slugging percentage. He was named to the All-Tournament team in 1977 when Westfield advanced to the championship game of the NCAA New England Regional Tournament. He received the Westfield State baseball Outstanding Contributor Award in 1978.

He works throughout Connecticut as a sales manager representative for Coram Health Care Home Infusion. He resides in Amherst, Mass., with his wife, Doreen, and daughters Rachel (10) and Meredith (8).

The Athletics Hall of Fame Committee agreed on six new members to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Westfield State College. The induction ceremony takes place on the eve of Homecoming, Friday, October 14th. The dinner and ceremony is held in the Scanlon Banquet Hall and kicks-off with cocktails at 6:30pm. The six member class is headlined by hoops standout Ben Adams, a 1975 graduate of Westfield. The five other members include; Garry Beard, baseball, class of 1978, Heather Cabral, field hockey and softball, class of 1992, Bill Devine, track and field, class of 1974, Donna McLean, softball, class of 1987, and Joyce O'Donnell, 12-year coach of the softball team from 1980 through 1992.

Invitations are being sent to a select audience. The event is open to all. Contact the Westfield State athletics department (572-5405) for ticket information.

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Heather Cabral inducted to WSC Hall of Fame

HUNTINGTON— Gateway teacher Heather Cabral of Huntington, a Gateway Regional and Westfield State College (Class of 1992) graduate, is one of six inductees to the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame. The 10th annual inductions will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 14, on the Westfield State campus. Contact the athletics department, 572-5405, for ticket information.

Cabral is one of Westfield State's finest two-sport athletes, excelling as a four-year starter in both field hockey and softball from 1988-92. She was the Massachusetts State Conference co-Player of the Year in field hockey in leading Westfield State to a share of the 1991 league title. She was a three-time all-conference first-team selection and a two-time participant in the U.S. Field Hockey Association Festival. Cabral led her team, which consisted mostly of Division I players, in scoring during the eight-game 1991 festival. She still holds the school career records for most goals (43) and points (99).

In softball, the Cape Cod native was a three-time all-conference and a two-time All New England second baseman. She was named to the NCAA Division III Northeast Region first team in 1991 when she batted .426. Cabral finished her collegiate career with a .331 batting average and holds New England records for sacrifice hits in a season (18) and career (49).

Cabral was named the conference player of the week an astounding 17 times during her four-year, two-sport collegiate career. She was selected the Westfield State Female Athlete of the Year in 1992.

Cabral also excelled academically, receiving the Howard C. Smith Award as the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1992.

Cabral was a three-sport standout in field hockey, softball and basketball at Gateway Regional High School. She currently teaches third grade in the Gateway district at the Chester Elementary School. Cabral is now in her seventh season as the Westfield State field hockey head coach. The Owls have won or shared conference championships in four of her first six seasons, and she was selected the conference coach of the year in 1999, 2000, and 2003.

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JOYCE O'DONNELL

Holyoke native inducted into Westfield State Athletic HOF

WESTFIELD - Six former Westfield State College standouts with strong ties to Western Massachusetts will be inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame this year, including one former Holyoke resident.

The tenth annual inductions will be held on Friday evening, October 14, at Westfield State College.

Holyoke native Joyce O'Donnell, a coaching legend in Western Massachusetts, guided the Westfield State softball team to nearly 200 victories and five postseason tournament berths from 1980-92. Her 13-year stint is the longest for a women's coach at Westfield State as she guided the Owls to two conference championships, three NCAA Tournament berths, including a third place in the 1982 national championships, and three ECAC postseason tourneys.

Westfield captured the 1987 ECAC championship and was named runner-up in 1988. O'Donnell's career record is 192-163.

O'Donnell also made a name for herself as a player, coach, and administrator on the semi-professional level. During the summer months from 1967-1987, the Holyoke native coached the talented Westfield Whips, who participated in two national tournaments. O'Donnell also coached a team touring in Venezuela in 1985 and was the head coach at Westfield High School from 1974-79. The Bombers captured the Western Massachusetts championship in 1974 and were Valley League champs in 1978.

The highly respected mentor served from 1976-86 as president of the 12-team New England semi-pro league and as commissioner of women's softball for Mass. She served on the NCAA national team selection committee from 1985-87.

In 1992, O'Donnell was inducted into the New Agenda Northeast Hall of Fame, an organization that promotes the advancing role of women in sports. She was also one of the first female umpires in Western Mass., working men's and women's softball as well as college and tournament games.

O'Donnell attended Holyoke Community College and graduated from Jacksonville State in Alabama. She received her master's degree from Westfield State.

O'Donnell was a physical education instructor for 32 years and a vice-principal for five years at Westfield High School before retiring in 2002. She has been a long-time Southwick resident who now spends the winter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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Streeter named Bay Path soccer coach

LONGMEADOW- Bay Path College has announced the appointment of Christopher A. Streeter as coach of its soccer team. A teacher in the Springfield Public Schools, Streeter has coached soccer teams at Mount Holyoke College, Westfield State College, and several high schools, and has also served as director of coaching for the Northampton Soccer Club and the Amherst Youth Soccer Club. He is a graduate of Westfield State College with degrees in psychology and education, and a member of Westfield State's Athletics Hall of Fame. Coach Streeter has played soccer professionally with the Western Massachusetts Pioneers and the Midfield, Massachusetts Twisters, and was a member of the Flanders Cup Championship team in Brussels, Belgium. He is a member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and holds its national diploma/license.

The Republican, Wednesday, August 17, 2005

USA picks Laviolette

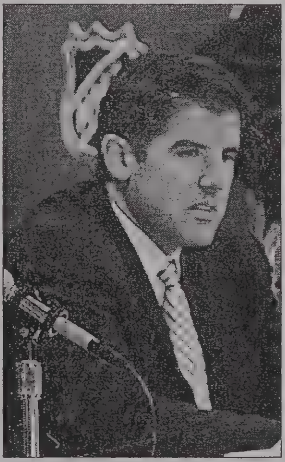
Ex-Westfield State player to coach 2006 squad

Associated Press

Carolina Hurricanes coach and former Westfield State College standout Peter Laviolette was chosen yesterday as coach of the 2006 U.S. Olympic team that will compete in the Turin Games next February.

Laviolette, from Franklin, is a two-time Olympian who captained the squad at the 1994 games. He is 97-94-25 in two-plus seasons as an NHL head coach with Carolina and the New York Islanders.

Hockey notebook


Peter Laviolette

"We're really pleased to have Peter guiding our Olympic Team," Team USA general manager Don Waddell said. "Peter knows what it takes. He played on our 1988 Olympic team and came back as captain of the 1994 Olympic team. He's coached our last two world championship teams. He's passionate about the game, and we're confident he'll do an outstanding job as our head coach."

Laviolette coached the United States to the bronze medal in the 2004 world championships, a finish that earned the Americans a spot in the 2006 Olympics.

He also guided the U.S. this past spring into the quarterfinals of the world championships, where the Americans lost in a shootout to the Czech Republic.

His other USA Hockey head coaching experience came in the 2003 Deutschland Cup when Laviolette led the national select team to the title in its second year of participation in the tournament.

"To be honest, it's really hard to sum up in words how excited and proud I am to be asked to coach this team," Laviolette said. "We'll have one goal when the Olympics roll around in February, and that's to win the gold medal. We have a legitimate chance."

Laviolette was also an assistant coach during the 2004 World Cup of Hockey when the United States lost in the semifinals to runner-up Finland. That was the last time NHL-style hockey was played before the lockout that wiped out all of last season.

Laviolette took over behind the Hurricanes' bench in December 2003, following the firing of longtime coach Paul Maurice. He went 20-26-6 the rest of the season, and the Hurricanes missed the playoffs for a second straight year following their surprising run to the 2002 Stanley Cup finals.

Sitting out the postseason was a new experience for Laviolette, who led the Islanders to the playoffs in his two seasons in New York following the club's seven-year drought before his arrival.

But he was fired shortly after the Islanders were eliminated from the 2003 playoffs because several players reported to general manager Mike Milbury that Laviolette had lost the team.

Before going to Long Island, Laviolette was an assistant with the Boston Bruins after a two-year stint as head coach of their AHL affiliate, the Providence Bruins.

As an NHL defenseman, Laviolette failed to record a point in 12 career games.

Waddell said he, assistant GM Paul Holmgren, and director of hockey operations Jim Johannson are working on the rest of the coaching staff. No timetable has been set for that announcement.

Laviolette is the 14th U.S. Olympic coach and the fifth in the last five Olympics. Only seven American coaches have earned medals, with Herb Brooks (1980) and Jack Riley (1960) winning gold.

CZECHS FINALLY AGREE: Every European hockey federation except Russia signed a two-year transfer agreement between the NHL and hockey's governing body, ensuring that the NHL will send players to the 2006 Turin Olympics.

The Russian federation rejected the deal, which regulates financial compensation, limits the number of players that can leave Europe annually, and imposes a transfer deadline. The Czech Republic originally refused to sign, but agreed to an amended proposal.

"Any players signed by the NHL from Russia will not be regulated by the player transfer agreement," the International Ice Hockey Federation said in a statement.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly declined comment.

The other countries who signed on with the Czech Republic were Finland, Germany, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland. The deadline this season for player transfers from the countries to the NHL will be Aug. 24.

STAYING PUT: The Tampa Bay Lightning signed center Vincent Lecavalier to a four-year deal, securing one of their two front-line stars and keeping a key piece of their Stanley Cup championship team.

The Lightning are still attempting to sign NHL MVP and scoring champion Martin St. Louis, but the signing of Lecavalier to a multiyear deal is good news for the defending champs, who could have lost the 25-year-old star next offseason if he became an unrestricted free agent.

"This signing is absolutely huge for the Lightning franchise," general manager Jay Feaster said.

The former No. 1 overall pick in 1998, Lecavalier owns franchise records in points (327), goals (146) and game-winning goals (20) and needs to play only nine games to surpass Rob Zamuner for most played in a Lightning uniform.

During the team's Stanley Cup run in 2003-04, Lecavalier had 32 goals and 34 assists in 81 games. In the playoffs, the Ontario native set career high in almost every category and finished with nine goals and seven assists.

During the lockout last season, Lecavalier played 30 games for AK Bars Kazan in Russia, registering seven goals, nine assists and 78 penalty minutes.

ET CETERA: Carolina re-signed defenseman Glen Wesley to a one-year, $1 million contract, bringing the 36-year-old fan favorite back for an 18th NHL season. Wesley has played all but a fraction of the last 10 seasons with the Hartford-Carolina franchise. "Glen has been a mainstay of this organization for a long time and he has made his home in North Carolina," general manager Jim Rutherford said . . . Detroit signed defenseman Andy Delmore and re-signed forwards Jason Williams and Darryl Bootland to one-year contracts . . . Nashville re-signed forward Steve Sullivan to a four-your contract, and agreed to terms with defenseman Dan Hamhuis on a one-year deal.

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JAMES E. BANACOS

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NAPLES, FL — James E. Banacos passed away peacefully at home July 5 after complications from pneumonia.

Born June 14, 1950 in Waltham, MA, he was a son of Toula Banacos and the late Evangelos Banacos, who passed away in 2000. He graduated from Watertown High School in 1968 and attended Westfield State College in Westfield, MA. In 1970, he broke his neck playing lacrosse which left him a quadriplegic. He received an honorary degree from Westfield State College. He and his family moved to Florida in 1987.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a brother, Charles Banacos of Naples; a nephew, Drew Banacos; a stepdaughter, Marissa Panzarella of Marco Island; several aunts including, Katherine Danis of Marco Island and several cousins and uncles.

Memorial donations may be made to Shake-A-Leg, 2620 South Bayshore Dr., Miami, FL 33133 or Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Ln., Naples, FL 34105.

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Ad executive creative, convincing

Westfield

By CHUCK DUFAULT
Correspondent

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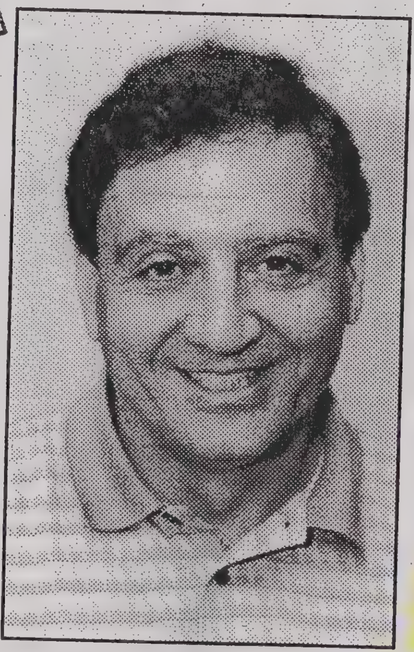
WESTFIELD—Behind every catalog, product advertisement, billboard and logo design, there is a story of how it came into existence. What consumers glance at for a second or two while driving down the street, or flipping through a magazine, took hours, or more likely days, to conceptualize and create.

Westfield resident Phil Aucella, president of Aucella & Associates, knows this fact about the industry very well. He has been developing advertising ideas and marketing tools for businesses worldwide for over 30 years, and has logged in countless cross-country trips and man hours to make sure clients don't just get the advertising they want, but also a sales plan that works.

Aucella's advertising agency creates packaging designs for a wide range of products such as flashlights and toys; his company also creates radio and television advertisements, as well as product catalogs for companies that sell food and firearms.


PHILLIP E. AUCELLA

It's My Job!

"We do anything that has anything to do with communications," said Aucella, who runs his business from his family's Westfield home.

Locally, Aucella has performed marketing tasks for Barnes Municipal Airport, Thales Communications and Noble Hospital, for which he earned an industry design award. He also created Westfield State College's owl logo, which can be seen on everything from bumper stickers to the

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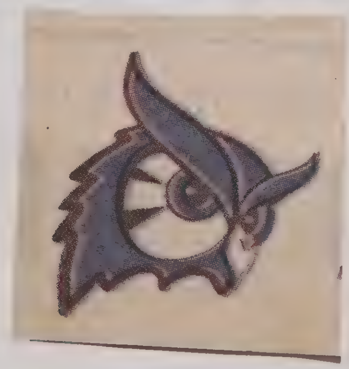
Westfield State University



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school's sports uniforms.

"We come up with the concepts and the designs, do the layout and the copy," he said. "If it's a challenge, we'll do it."

Aucella spent 10 years with an East Longmeadow advertising firm after attending both the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and Rochester Institute of Technology, where he studied visual design and photography. Part of his staff includes his sister, Roseanne and daughter, Christina, who will also attend the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth in the fall.

While Aucella's firm can perform every aspect of an advertising campaign, he contracts out some of the work to freelancers who specialize in certain tasks. For example, Aucella is currently putting together a brochure for a Chicago meat company, and he hired a photographer who is well known for her shooting techniques with food arrangements. With other jobs, he will hire a freelance writer to create the copy for catalogs or brochures, and his firm constantly hires language experts to translate materials into different languages.

The toughest part of his job is dealing with clients, he said, and convincing them that some of their marketing ideas may not be the best for the job.

"The hardest part is trying to convince clients to go with certain things," Aucella said.

"Clients always want to load up, and that's not always the best thing to do," he said, referring to putting too much information into an advertisement, which tends to lose the original message. "Also, the key is to get people to sign off on projects, and no one wants to take the responsibility with that any more, it seems."

Traveling comes with the territory of an advertising executive, and sometimes that means two-way travel in the course of one day. Aucella recently flew to Kansas City to deliver a two-hour-long presentation that had him in the air first thing in the morning and getting home after midnight.

"I'm doing that kind of stuff all of the time," he said, adding that he recently worked a job for a local candle company on one day, and the next day he was in Atlanta photographing the city's S.W.A.T. team as part of a law enforcement gear catalog.

"The great part about this job is that I live and work in Westfield, but I could be anywhere," he said. "With the Internet, it doesn't matter anymore."

Some jobs are more difficult than others, he said, "and every one of them has a story behind them."

Some years back, Aucella was hired by a health care fitting company to help create a catalog for their line of hospital "johnnies." Working with some of the company's management team, Aucella secured the photo shoot location in Connecticut for about two weeks and hired nearly 30 professional female models to wear the medical outer garments. Many management bigwigs also planned to be on the set to ensure the job was done properly.

"That was until the company's CEO returned and found out whom we were using for models," he said. "The CEO insisted these were not the kinds of people they are marketing to and told us to hire people over 65. I had to go to nursing homes and pick the models, and by that time there was no audience at the shoot, just me and my models. And I had the most miserable models."

The job also takes him to trade shows, where he can sometimes start relationships with potential clients as well as learn more about the ever changing industry.

"A lot of this job is learning the market," Aucella said. "I don't go out and look for clients. What I do look for is long term relationships with clients who know what I can do for them."

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The Laramie Project

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'Laramie' to be performed at WSC

By Emily Ransom
Assistant Editor

Westfield State College (WSC) students learn about diversity and acceptance in classrooms but soon posters will go up with phrases like "faggot" and "queer" for the Residential Life production called "The Laramie Project," a theatre production about hate crimes.

The show will be held April 21 through April 25 in Dever Auditorium with shows at 8 p.m. and on April 23 at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The posters for the show had to be approved by Residential Life and Public Affairs because of the controversial language that covers them.

The show has a small cast of eight students who, director Thomas Amos says, are struggling a bit with the posters linking labels to their particular faces.

Amos described that it's a bit awkward for the cast of students to see their picture with a word like queer next to it and they know it's to promote a show about hate crimes but the cast knows that people on campus won't understand what the posters and postcards are about without taking a closer look.

"The Laramie Project" is a play chronicling life after the murder of Matthew Shepard. Matthew Shepard, from Laramie, Wyoming was also a student at the University of Wyoming from where he was kidnapped, tied to a fence, beaten and left to die.

"The Laramie Project" chronicles the life in the town of Laramie after Shepard was murdered. Interviews are a base of the play with monologues through the eyes of the people.

"The play is through the eyes of people of Laramie but our focus is on the media's portrayal of hate crimes," said Amos.

Amos thinks it is important to think about why this hate crime was chosen so prominently. Amos never saw "The Laramie Project" performed but "Last year's performance of Quilt had a well received response by the audience. Laramie's focus is

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'Hope for Hollie' benefit walk in gear

By Tom Perron
Editor In Chief

On Friday, April 30 the 'Hope for Hollie Walk' will take place on the Westfield State College (WSC) campus green.

With registration beginning at 11:30 a.m., the walk will take place from 12:30 p.m. through 1:30 p.m.

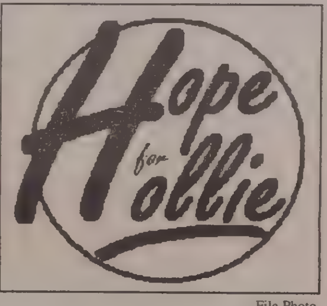
Hollie Vilandre, a WSC junior, was infected with Bacterial Meningitis last fall. Due to the nature of the disease, both of Vilandre's legs and the fingers on her left hand had to be amputated.

While groups on campus are raising money to donate to the 'Everybody Loves Hollie Fund,' a fund created to help defray the costs of prosthetics, each group has a different way to solicit funds.

Currently one of the Sports Promotions classes is planning the 'Hope for Hollie Walk.'

Teresa Fitts, Professor of Movement Sciences, said that in past years her classes have wrote and implemented a business event plan for an outside company, but this year the class decided to run their own event.

Brian Winslow, a junior in the promotions class, said, "The sports promotions class thought that a walk would be a great way to learn about event management as well as a great way to raise money for a



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The 'Hollie Walk' will take place at WSC.

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Women's Month events pan out

'Month Celebrating Women' plans activities for entire month of March

By Matt Bernat
News Editor

Professor Vanessa Holford Diana has been waiting for March, and its not because warmer weather is on the way.

For the past four years Westfield State College (WSC) has packed the month of March with activities, seminars and speakers for Westfield's "Month Celebrating Women".

Diana chairs the committee that is in charge of planning the programs that come to campus. The committee works to correct an absence in education of the accomplishments of women and also educate about the inequities that still exist in the U.S. and countries abroad, said Diana.

The celebration actually kicked off the last weekend of February with a performance of the Vagina Monologues, all the proceeds were donated to the New Beginnings Women's Shelter in Westfield.

Diana emphasized the Guerrilla Girls on tour. The Guerilla Girls, also part of the guest lecture series, will be per-

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Lecturer from Islam

By Tom Stanford
Voice Reporter

Dr. Kamal Ali sat before a crowded conference room in Ely, Wednesday February 18 to help Westfield State College (WSC) students learn more about Islam, a faith that recently in the United States has been the victim of typecasting and misinterpretation.

One of the many activities put on by WSC as a part of Black History Month, Dr. Ali, the Assistant Dean of Multicultural Development here at WSC, aimed to bring to WSC students' attention a concern of many Muslims in West Africa and around the world: the view of the Islamic faith in the United States since the events of September 11 2001.

Ali hoped to give students here at WSC an understanding of Islam that "cannot be seen on CNN, MSNBC, or certainly not on Fox," by introducing the students present at Wednesday's lecture to some of the basic principles of Islam.

To help the students understand Islam, Ali showed how Islam is related, mainly through genealogy, to Judaism and Christianity. He also gave each person present a reference sheet, detailing some of the basic terms, names, and ideas behind Islam.

Ali's main point, which he addressed throughout the lecture, was that one that follows the Islamic faith would never idolize some of the men in power that Americans have come to learn about. "They don't look at Saddam Hussein as someone to follow, nor do they look at Osama Bin-Laden as someone to follow," Ali said.

Traditionally, Muslims seek

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The happiest intern location on Earth

By Stephanie Collins
Voice Reporter

It could be a small world after all for Westfield State College (WSC) students who decide to intern for a semester at Walt Disney World Resorts in Orlando, Florida.

This is an opportunity for over 7,000 college students to learn independence, develop social interaction skills, get on the job training, and college credit. For one semester, students participate in an independent study program at Disney, for which they earn 6 credits. Students can take classes in the areas of Human Resources, Communications, Marketing, Organizational Leadership, and Exponential Learning.

In order to apply, students at Westfield State must attend a Disney presentation the semester before they wish to intern. WSC holds one of these presentations every semester, and anyone is welcome to attend.

At the presentation, students receive all the information they need to know about the internship opportunities and are given an application.

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SGA to petition

By Katie McCarron
Voice Reporter

Student Government Association (SGA) held their weekly meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Amy Cloutier began the meeting with her president's report and introduced four speakers.

The first speaker was Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice President for student affairs.

Dr Jackson made a few announcements. Construciton will begin on the new residence hall when students leave for spring break. Therefore, there will be no parking in Davis Lot, and about 40 commuter

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student in need."

"The enthusiasm for the event has been great," Fitts said.

Winslow said to participate you do not necessarily need to walk the two miles, but even just help sponsor other walkers.

All participants who raise at least $25 will receive a t-shirt, Winslow said.

The group urges everyone to participate in some way or another. Members of the class will be going to different classes the week before spring break with pledge forms so people can collect from family and friends, Winslow said.

"It is very important for people to participate because in order to achieve our goal of $5000 we need everyone's help," Winslow said.

"Anyone could have caught the meningitis that Hollie did, and it is important for the Westfield State student body to know that we can come together and achieve a goal for a good cause."

"Hollie could be you, or your roommate," Fitts said. "Meningitis can strike in a fast and furious fashion and if it was you, wouldn't you want your fellow students, faculty and staff to support you?"

Fitts said that a major goal is getting the whole Westfield community together, not just the college community.

"It is important to get the community involved because we are at a crossroads in the history of the college," she said. Some of the crossroads Fitts mentioned included the new WSC president taking office in June and the new buildings being constructed on campus.

"This isn't just about the money," said Winslow, "it is about Hollie's life."

Islam

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to emulate Mohammad, the prophet of Islam that brought them the Qur'an, its prominent text. Mohammad was a man who's main concern, according to Muslims, was peace.

The word "islam" in Arabic directly translates to "peace" or "submission," and the word "Muslim" refers to one who seeks peace. This is one of the many concepts about Islam that most non-Muslim Americans do not know about, according to Ali. Also, there have been many verses from the Qur'an that have been misinterpreted to create an idea that Muslims are a violent people.

One of these quotes that Ali refers to is the idea that Muslims should "slaughter the infidels." This quote, Ali says, is often taken out of the context of the Qur'an and the time it was written, and is also translated poorly. "There is not even a word in Arabic for infidel," according to Ali.

When discussing the connection to Islam and the other Abrahamic faiths, Ali stressed the Muslim regard for Christians and Jews. Mohammad shows through the Qur'an a high respect for the Judeo-Christian tradition, citing Moses and Jesus as prophets that helped develop the monotheistic faith that lead to the development of Islam. Also, Mohammad himself maintained a very positive dialogue with Christians and Jews in Mecca while the Islamic faith was growing.

Dr. Ali has done extensive work in the Islamic community of the United States throughout his adult life. Over the past 30 years, he has made frequent travels to West Africa to maintain a dialogue with Muslims worldwide about concerns facing the Islamic faith worldwide.

He currently serves as the Vice President of the Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts, and has been involved in the Islamic faith in a number of ways in this area for years, since moving here from Brooklyn, where he had been an activist for Muslims as well as an editor for a Muslim publication there.

Dr. Ali has made three documentary films available in the Multicultural Media Center in Ely that he feels provide an honest account and understanding of Islam, its traditions, and its beliefs. One of these films focuses on West Africa and the environment that Muslims are exposed to there.

Laramie

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on hate crimes rather than AIDS though," said Amos.

The cast is composed of eight student actors ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"What students need to understand is that this is not an activist show. The Laramie project is about recognizing hate crimes," said sophomore actor Ricky Magner. Magner also added, "It features eight straight actors hoping to make the audience realize, damn, this stuff really happens."

Magner had read the script before accepting a role and said he knew about the subject before it began on campus.

The cast had a lot of excitement for the show, and had many positive remarks about their director, "Tom really respects us and is forever seeing how we feel and what we think about everything related to the show," said sophomore Eddie Paris.

Corey Doucette, a senior and president of Westfield State College's Musical Theater Guild, said, "I took a roll in this instead of MTG's show because I wanted the experience." Doucette also said, "This is very challenging to my acting skills and emotions, it seemed like a once in a lifetime opportunity."

A poster campaign includes posters and postcards sent to students a week before the show. A poster contest was developed "to encourage research about hate crimes," said Amos. The contest wants students to make posters about a hate crime, and "how it portrays hate, hurt and loss." Posters are due April 1, 2004 in Res Life by 5 p.m. The first, second, and third place winners receive mall gift certificates.

Amos hopes that media related classes might receive extra credit for participation in the poster contest. Director Amos addressed the question, "Why was there so much media attention put on this crime?" He also hopes that the poster contest will educate our campus on hate crimes towards minority groups.

"The Laramie Project" is off their scripts and "are focusing on getting the show on its feet and really getting into character development," said Amos.

Atom Marotte, a student in the communications department, is directing the video production. The show combines prerecorded performances with the live performance.

The cast said they feel they have learned a lot about the issue of hate crimes. Doucette said, "One of the best ways to remedy these tragedies is to gain understanding of self and develop acceptance of others."

Tickets are available at the campus center window.

From the Editors Desk

I won't miss you

"Just remember, there's a right way and a wrong way to do everything and the wrong way is to keep trying to make everybody else do it the right way."
~M*A*S*H, Colonel Potter

Of all the things that I have encountered in my four years at WSC there is one thing I definitely will not miss – registering for classes.

WSC has come a long way in terms of registration. Remember the good old days before online registration?

For all of you seniors and juniors that remember the days before registering online – boy, that was a joke! Remember having to cram into Scanlon Living Room and wait in the ungodly lines just to get told that all of the classes you wanted were full?

For all of you sophomores and freshmen who have never had to deal with live registration in the Living Room – you lucky schmucks! Unless you absolutely have to, never, I repeat, never register in person. It's much easier and quicker to do it for yourself online.

Registration is like a big practical joke. While you think you have the perfect schedule all decided upon and get your advisor to sign off, you probably won't get a schedule even close to it.

For all of you freshmen, in case you didn't realize already, it wasn't bad luck last semester...it's a form of initiation...you just aren't meant to get into any of the classes that you want or need.

While everyone tells you to get all of your core classes done first, I will tell you the opposite – get some of your core done, but save a few for your upperclassmen years – taking a few level 100 courses is a great way to balance off all of those level 300 classes you need for your major's requirements during junior and senior years.

Right along side of registration is Add/Drop. I think of Add/Drop as dying of thirst. Both are painful and seem to take forever.

First off, don't go to live Add/Drop in Scanlon unless necessary. It's pretty pointless to go stand in line for a few hours and the class is still full. Here's the easier way – go online and try to add the course, if it works HOORAY, if not, get an overload form and go ask the professor to be overloaded into the class. Only after you get the overload form should you go to Scanlon. I'm not positive it still works, but if you have an overload form you get to go into a shorter line instead of waiting for everyone else who didn't bother filling in the forms.

For all of you fellow seniors out there – yet another perk of being a senior – we don't have to register for classes ever again (unless you're heading to Graduate School...but that's a whole different story).

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Disney

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There will be an interview, this is a competitive field and it is treated just like any other job position. Students who are accepted will receive a letter after two weeks, stating their position, but not location. Location will be determined upon arrival at Disney World.

Housing is on Disney Property, approximately 10 minutes from the parks. For United States College Students, the Complex and Vista Apartments are available for residents, and the Chatham Square Apartments are reserved for international students.

Interns are guaranteed 30 hours per week, and earn $6 per hour. However, students pay rent, which gets directly taken out of their paycheck. One is lucky to take home $100 a week. It's safe to say students participate in Disney Internships for the experience, and not the money.

Student Government Association President Amy Cloutier, who participated in the Disney Internship three years ago, said, "It was a great experience. I met some of my best friends there."

Cloutier worked in Epcot for her internship, and found the experience to be a great time. As an intern, students are trained in everything from custodial work, to ride operators, to park greeters.

"I would work as a park greeter, so I just walked around helping people if they were lost and things like that. On rainy days...one question people would always ask was 'When is it going to stop raining?' and I would just say that I didn't know. But then they would ask 'You mean Disney isn't a bubble?' I guess they thought that Disney was waterproof, like a bubble," Cloutier said.

Westfield State Students who are interested in applying should look for information regarding presentations. The only pre-requisites there are for applicants is they must be in good academic standing with WSC, and at least be in their sophomore year, having 24 credits.

Voices Overhead

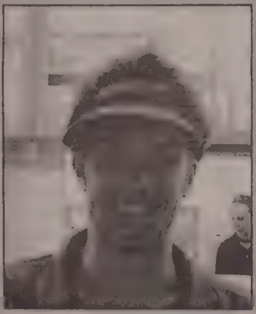
What's your favorite type of sub to make?

Andy Bisson
Class of 2004
Psychology

"Steak & cheese and the cold cut trio."

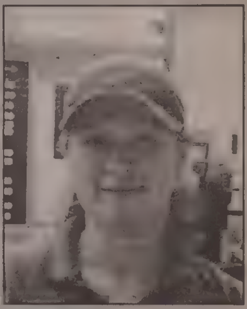
Tyler Ebbinghausen
Class of 2006
Movement Science

"Steak & cheese and cold cut."



Scott Howe
Class of 2005
Psychology

"Steak & cheese."



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Scientists want to be ready to block asteroid

BY DAVID HALDANE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A huge asteroid heading for Earth could kill 1.5 billion people and devastate the planet, scientists at an international gathering said Monday in Garde Grove, Calif.

The only question is when.

``It could happen this year or in a century or in a millennium" or far longer, said David Morrison, a space expert at NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, in Northern California. Whenever it does, he said, we need to be ready.

Making sure that we are is the mission of 120 scientists and engineers attending the four-day gathering called the Planetary Defense Conference: Protecting Earth From Asteroids, which began Monday at the Hyatt Regency hotel. Billed as the first major conference of its kind, the confab has attracted astronomers, aerospace engineers, astronauts and emergency preparedness specialists from throughout the United States as well as Italy, Great Britain, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany and Russia.

Among the strategies to be discussed are such extravagant-sounding scenarios as deflecting asteroids with nuclear warheads, lasers and mirrors -- which would create gas jets that would disrupt the object's trajectory.

``We have reached a point in the evolution of life on this planet where we can actually do something about this, but not if we don't start planning," said Bill Ailor, director of the Center for Orbital and Reentry Debris Studies at the Aerospace Corp. in El Segundo, Calif., which organized the conference alongwith the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Reston, Va. ``Our goal," Ailor said, ``is to raise the consciousness of the public and of people who work in the field."

"One could hit us in an hour, though it's not very likely."

David Morrison

Space Expert

NASA

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., who, among other things, chairs the House subcommittee on space and aeronautics and has introduced two billsencouraging research on threats from outer space, set the tone during a keynote address.

``Bin Ladin was out there like a near-Earth object for a long time," he said. ``It took 9/11 -- the slaughter of 3,000 innocents -- for us to pay attention to that threat. I hope it won't take that long for us to recognize the threat of near-Earth objects; so far we've had a very tepid response."

In fact, the U.S. government has been tracking and charting the paths of large asteroids since 1998. To date, Morrison said, about 60 percent of all those known have been charted; about 90 percent are expected to be done by 2008. ``Among those charted," he said, ``there appears to be no danger." As for the others, Morrison said, ``I can't tell you anything about them -- one could hit us in an hour, though it's not very likely."

He bases that mixed assessment on the belief of most scientists that truly catastrophic asteroid collisions occur only about once every million years. The uncertainty, he said, stems from the fact that, because the last such collision occurred in prerecorded history, its date is unknown. (A more minor incident -- the magnitude of which occurs about once every 100 years -- happened in 1908, leveling more than 1,000 square miles of Siberian forest.)

``We want certainty," Morrison said. ``If you cross a street, you don't predict the probability of a car being there; you look to see if one's coming."

Conference organizers say that, for starters, they intend to encourage the continuation of that process. The conference is expected to be the first of many held at least once every four years.

At Monday's opening session, participants heard presentations on the threat posed by asteroids and the methods by which it is assessed.

Sessions throug the rest of the week, Ailor said, will cover such topics as how to move a near-Earth object off course (including the early planning of a mission to do so), how to prepare for the disaster that will ensue if preventive efforts fail, and how to affect political and policy issues related to the impending threat.

Kerry leads Edwards in California primary race, polls

BY MICHAEL FINNEGAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A week before California's Democratic presidential primary, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry leads North Carolina Sen. John Edwards by a lopsided 56 percent to 24 percent among likely voters in the race, according to a new Los Angeles Times poll.

The survey also found that, while many voters are still unaware of them, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's two budget measures on the March 2 ballot are winning a majority, thanks partly to his aggressive campaign for voter approval.

One of them, Proposition 57, which would authorize up to $15 billion in bonds to help balance the state budget, has the support of 51 percent of voters with 34 percent opposed -- once the measure was explained to them. The other, Proposition 58, which would require the Legislature to pass a balanced budget, had a broader 58 percent to 23 percent lead once voters were read the measure's ballot statement.

But two other ballot measures were in trouble, the poll found. Proposition 55, a $12 billion school bond, was ahead narrowly -- 49 percent to 41 percent.

Proposition 56 -- a proposal to lower the Legislature's vote threshold for passing a budget, in effect abolishing the Republican minority's power to block tax hikes -- was losing 39 percent to 46 percent. On all of the propositions, a substantial chunk of the electorate was still undecided even after being told about the measures.

Beyond next week's elections, the survey found California to be decidedly unfriendly territory for President Bush in his bid for re-election in November.

Just over half of California voters disapprove of his job performance. In potential match-ups, Kerry and Edwards each finish well ahead of the Republican president - in Kerry's case by a solid 13 points.

Indeed, the depth of opposition to Bush among Democrats, who dominate California elections, is a key factor fueling Kerry's strength in the primary, the poll found. Among likely Democratic primary voters, 56 percent said it was more important to choose a candidate who could drive Bush from office than one who agrees with them.

``He's one of the worst presidents we've had in 150 years," Democratic poll respondent Robert Drescher of Santa Clarita said in a follow-up interview. The 44-year-old lawyer favors Kerry for the same reason he preferred Wesley Clark before the retired general dropped out of the race: He sees him as having the best shot at defeating Bush.

Following the pattern set in other states, Kerry's support in the primary cuts across a broad range of demographic groups. He wins majorities of men, women, liberals, moderates, Hispanics, union members and senior citizens, among others.

Even primary voters who cite the economy or jobs as their No. 1 issue -- a group that has tilted toward Edwards in other states -- prefer Kerry to his main rival, 69 percent to 26 percent, the poll found.

California is one of 10 states holding contests next Tuesday, when more than half of the 2,159 delegates needed to win the Democratic presidential nomination will be awarded in contests from coast to coast.

With more hard-fought races that day in New York, Ohio, Georgia and other states, California has received scant attention so far from the leading candidates, apart from quick visits to tap its vast network of campaign donors.

But California's 370 delegates are the biggest prize of the nomination battle. Edwards' surprisingly strong second-place finish last week in the Wisconsin primary set the stage for a competitive race, a rarity in modern California, but Kerry's 32-point lead in the Times Poll calls that into doubt.

In Los Angeles on Thursday, Kerry, Edwards and two other candidates, U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and the Rev. Al Sharpton, will square off at the University of Southern California in a debate sponsored by the Los Angeles Times and CNN. The poll found Kucinich favored by 4 percent of likely primary voters, and Sharpton, 1 percent.

The survey, supervised by Times polling director Susan Pinkus, interviewed 1,521 registered California voters from Feb. 18 to 22, including 1,005 likely to vote in the March 2 election. Among them were 560 deemed likely to vote in the Democratic primary, which is open to independents. The margin of sampling error for registered voters and all likely voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For likely Democratic primary voters, it is 4 points.

On the Democratic side, Edwards faces an array of obstacles:

Kerry's voter base is strongest: While 29 percent of Kerry backers say they might change their minds, 42 percent of Edwards' supporters are open to switching.

-- Nearly three out of four likely primary voters say Kerry has the best chance of beating Bush. Half of Edwards' own supporters view Kerry as the most likely to beat Bush.

-- Among likely primary voters who cite the ability to beat Bush as the top factor in making a choice, 87 percent opt for Kerry. Of those who say the candidate's stands on issues are most important, voters still favor Kerry over Edwards, 57 percent to 32 percent.

-- After ability to beat Bush, the next most important thing to primary voters is experience, and 92 percent of voters who name that quality as the top priority favor Kerry over Edwards.

Perhaps most worrisome for Edwards: His opposition to free trade pacts, his showcase issue in the current round of primaries, does not seem to resonate in California as well as in Rust Belt states.

More than half of likely primary voters say that U.S. trade with other countries takes more jobs from California than it creates for the state. Yet those voters still prefer Kerry over Edwards, 52 percent to 28 percent.

When it comes to Bush's tax cuts, nearly half of Democratic primary voters prefer a nominee who -- like Kerry and Edwards -- would push to repeal those that benefit the wealthy. And just 3 percent prefer to keep the tax cuts intact, a reflection of the limited reach, in California, of Bush's emphasis on tax cuts as he campaigns for a second term.

More than four in 10 Democratic primary voters favor a total rollback of the Bush tax cuts.

On the war in Iraq, California voters are split. Among all registered voters, 48 percent agreed with Bush's decision to go to war and 49 percent disagreed.

Less than half -- 48 percent -- say Bush acted in good faith on the intelligence he was given about Saddam Hussein while almost the same share, 49 percent, say he exaggerated the threat in order to bolster support for the war.

For Bush, the poll affirmed the steep climb he faces to overcome a stark Democratic advantage in California, a state he lost to Democratic rival Al Gore by 1.3 million votes in 2000, despite spending millions of dollars there while Gore invested time and cash elsewhere. For Democrats, victory in California is crucial to capturing the White House.

Kerry, the poll found, would beat Bush in a romp, 53 percent to 40 percent if the election were held today, and Edwards would defeat the president, 49 percent to 42 percent.

Bush's job approval rating among all registered voters in California has sunk to 47 percent, his lowest showing since June 2001, with 51 percent now disapproving.

Times staff writer Julie Tamaki contributed to this article.

Alleged Bin Laden bodyguards first to face tribunals

BY JON MINTZ

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON--The U.S. government Tuesday charged two alleged bodyguards for Osama bin Laden now detained at the Guantanamo Bay military prison with conspiracy to commit war crimes, launching the first criminal prosecution of enemy prisoners since the aftermath of World War II.

The charges would make Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosi of Sudan and Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bahlul of Yemen the first detainees to stand trial before the special military tribunals established by President Bush after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Military prosecutors have decided not to seek the death penalty against either man, officials said. If at least four of the six military officers who will be assigned as judges vote to convict them, separate hearings would be held to determine sentences for each.

.The announcement of the charges comes as the U.S. government quickens the pace of releasing other detainees at Guantanamo Bay, and as an April hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court on whether the detainees should have access to federal courts nears. Some foreign governments and human rights activists have sharply criticized the United States for holding many detainees for more than two years without charging them and for designing tribunal rules they claim favor the government.

No date has been set for the trials. which will be held in a courtroom at the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba. But the cases are expected to begin in late spring or early summer to give defense attorneys time to prepare, military officials said.

The government alleged in a military charging document released Tuesday that Bahlul was an al-Qaida propagandist who produced videos glorifying the terrorist network's attack on the destroyer USS Cole off the coast of Yemen in 2000. On Sept. 11, 2001, he was assigned the job of arranging a satellite hookup to Afghanistan so bin Laden could watch news coverage of the attacks on New York and Washington.

Qosi was a key al-Qaida accountant, and as bin Laden's bodyguard wore an explosives-laden suicide belt to thwart assassination attempts on the head of the al-Qaida terrorist network, according to a charging document.

"We wish them a fair trial."

Abdel Bagi
Deputy Chief of
Sudanese Embassy

Neither man has met with his defense attorneys, who are still trying to appoint interpreters with security clearances who speak the defendants' Arabic dialects.

One of Bahlul's attorneys, Army Maj. Mark Bridges, noting that al-Qaida members have been successfully prosecuted in federal courts for attacks that include the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998, questioned why Bahlul wasn't similarly charged in a criminal court. ``It surprises me," he said.

``I'm also concerned about Mr. al Bahlul's ability to get a fair trial" before a tribunal.

The Qosi and Bahlul trials will in many respects resemble criminal trials in U.S. courts. Under the tribunal rules, defendants enjoy the presumption of innocence and can be convicted only by proof beyond a reasonable doubt. They can call witnesses and present evidence. The military pays for their defense attorneys.

But the hearings can be closed when classified matters come up, and prosecutors need not establish a pristine chain of custody for some documents offered as evidence. Military officials can listen in on lawyer-client conversations if security is considered to be at risk. Convictions are not appealed to any court, but are reviewed by military officials and ultimately the president.

William Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA, denounced that part of the rules Tuesday, saying the tribunals ``will be ruled over by a small group in the executive branch at every stage, thereby eradicating the independence vital for fair trials."

A Yemeni Embassy spokesman declined to comment on Bahlul's case. Abdel Bagi Kabeir, the deputy chief of the Sudanese Embassy here, also declined to respond to questions on Qosi's case, except to say, ``We wish them a fair trial."

In July, Bush named Qosi and Bahlul as two of six detainees who could face tribunals, but their names remained secret until last month. The formal step of charging them was taken in recent days by retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Hemingway, the deputy chief of the Pentagon office overseeing the tribunals, who for now has succeeded Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz as the official who charges defendants.

The charging documents do not specify a basis for the allegations against the two defendants. Bahlul and Qosi were accused of a range of offenses including terrorism, attacking civilians, murder and destruction of property.

Qosi, a trained accountant, was a member of al-Qaida from its founding in 1989, according to the charging document. In the early 1990s he was an al-Qaida courier in Sudan, completed military training at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan and worked as an al-Qaida accountant in Pakistan, eventually becoming a top financial officer for the terrorist network, the government contends.

He managed and distributed money that flowed to al-Qaida from Muslim charities, and helped run Taba Investment Co., a bin Laden firm in Sudan, according to the document. Qosi also signed checks on bin Laden's behalf and exchanged money on the black market. He helped move explosives and ammunition around Sudan for al-Qaida, and in 1994, after a failed assassination attempt on bin Laden, was handpicked by the Saudi millionaire to serve on a new bodyguard unit, the charges said. In the late 1990s, he traveled with bin Laden and handled the feeding of his entourage.

Bahlul was a more recent al-Qaida member, joining after training at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan in 1999, according to the charges. Bin Laden then assigned him to the group's media operation, where he prepared motivational videos extolling anti-American attacks, including the suicide bombing of the Cole that killed 17 sailors.

Plastic surgery becomes spectacle

BY TRACY WILKINSON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ROME – Italy is a country, let us not forget, where the prime minister recently took a month off, shelving economic crises and regional political demands, to have a face lift.

``I like the way I look," Silvio Berlusconi told Italian fashion reporters when he emerged after the surgery, tauter and tanner than usual. ``I look in the mirror and I like what I see, and I think I am more pleasing to others, too."

So it would seem a natural fit that Italian TV viewers be treated to a weekly ``reality" show on plastic surgery, with contestants who are given nose jobs, tummy tucks and breast lifts in full-frontal detail. But the show, ``Scalpel: No One Is Perfect" – an over-the-top version of America's already over-the-top ``Extreme Makeover" – seems to be a bit too much for many here, even for an audience accustomed to rather risque TV fare, full of buxom blondes and silly game shows.

From the medical community to the Roman Catholic Church, groups have raised their voices in protest over what they call an exploitative misrepresentation of surgical complexities made to look simple. Participants are demeaned, and aesthetic alteration is portrayed as a panacea, the critics charge.

Nonsense, say the show's makers, who argue that they are helping people who could not otherwise afford cosmetic surgery.

``Scalpel" premiered last month on a network owned, appropriately enough, by Berlusconi, part of the vast media empire that has made the prime minister one of the richest men on the planet. The show goes more or less like this: Platinette, Italy's most famous drag queen, is one of the two hosts. Outfitted in a platinum bouffant wig and a tomato-red caftan over his very ample frame, he saunters onstage and extols the virtues of beauty, both external and internal.

His improbable co-host is Irene Pivetti, former speaker of the lower house of Parliament and a onetime conservative paragon of traditional Catholic values.

Pivetti left politics a few years ago and became a regular on TV talk shows.

Pivetti appears with spiky, close-cropped hair, huge spangly earrings and tight-fitting black spandex. Each hourlong program features seven or eight cases, culled from ``thousands" who responded to ads last summer calling for anyone interested in free physical improvement.

Last week, the cases included Linda, who wanted to skim and sculpt her bountiful nose in time for her wedding; Ktemania, who in detailed view, and with her tearful dad looking on, had her breasts lifted, snipped and reduced; and a young dancer whose oversized ear was trimmed and tweaked.

With great fanfare and flourish, flashing lights and a sexy theme song that pants, ``I like it! I like it!" the remodeled contestant is then presented to his or her loved one before a live studio audience that oohs and ahs on cue.

``I love people," Pivetti said in an interview. ``I study their stories. I feel like they are very interesting, they've shown courage and are taking risks."

But a leading association of plastic surgeons said it was horrified that serious medical procedures such as liposuction were being made to look like something you can do at the beauty parlor, right along with a pedicure. The show promotes unnecessary operations and creates unrealistic hopes, the 800-member Italian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery said in a statement.

``Patients, especially young people ... acquire a false image of plastic surgery and come into our offices asking for absurd things," Dr. Alessandro Massei, head of the association, said in an interview. ``And many times the problem is only psychological. This is harmful, really harmful. These are patients asking for operations they would never ask for."

Massei said member medics have been asked not to participate in ``Scalpel," and he has sought the intervention of media watchdog groups and contacted advertisers.

A leading Catholic magazine, Famiglia Cristiana, also took a swipe at the show, calling it a ``triumph of bad taste."

Maurizio Turrioni, the magazine's entertainment editor, complained that the graphic images of the show appealed to the lowest common denominator of the viewing public while ``exalting superficial values" and taking advantage of unsophisticated people who are insecure about their looks.

``Every tear, every drop of blood, every smile is merchandising," Turrioni said in an interview. ``It's like a circus."

Turrioni attributes the success of ``Scalpel" in part to the need of many Italians, like Americans, to identify with and be validated by what they see on TV. In Italy, that is compounded by the national obsession with beauty and appearance.

``We have a prime minister who has created his career and identity through TV, who then considers having a face lift to be a matter of utmost importance, and then smiles while he tells us about it," Turrioni said.

``What should we learn from that?"

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Too many rules on campus

Once upon a time we believed that our college years were to be the best years of our lives. We used to think that we could blend academics with a social life that would afford a release from classes and term papers. However, this was not to be at Westfield State College. We had a social gathering one weekend early this semester and Lord have mercy, we apparently overlooked by-law22.b of the W.S.C criminal code which states: "Fun is hereby outlawed at W.S.C. Any activities resulting in the enjoyment of the student body will be immediately and severely crushed. Pleasure will be sought elsewhere, preferably at Kellehers tavern. Any violators will be written up. However, W.S.C. will continue to show those free campus movies to enhance school spirit and pride."

Of course, there are a few persons on this campus who like to maim and destroy, rape and pillage, but our get-together was not evil, it was not destructive. We were merely having a few laughs and socializing. We were not loud as we sent out people to check for this. Nevertheless, we were written up for noise, which simply did not exist. Confused? Yes, we are too! If nothing is damaged and nobody is hurt, then what is the harm in having a few friends over?

Of course, this college cannot operate without rules and restrictions and we are certainly obliged to abide by them. Yes we live surrounded by a quiet community and we are responsible for respecting the rights of others. But what of the rights of the students at W.S.C. who wish to gather and enjoy each other's company? Must we travel instead, to that notorious tavern known as Kellehers? We look out the window on a Saturday evening and do not see one soul. Now, that's school spirit! Do we need a police state here at W.SC. to keep the noise level to an undetectable decibel? NO, we have the right as students to enjoy our weekends and feel satisfied that our four years here will truly be the best years of our lives.

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Baptist protests porn

The anti-pornography picket demonstration was small, consisting of only three picketers carrying large homemade signs in front of the 253 Pasco Road 7-Eleven convenience store in Springfield from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Saturday, October 27.

According to picketers Frances Deschaine, Michael Boober, and Rev. Pastor Steven Graham, all Southland Corporation 7-Eleven stores that sell pornography were targeted for the "nationwide" picket. They said the picket was sponsored by the National Federal for Decency, a Tupelo, Mississippi-based anti-pornography organization.

Deschaine, 38, Boober, 25 and Graham, 34, all of Chicopee, are Reform Baptists and members of the Pioneer Valley Baptist Chapter in Chicopee. Graham functions as pastor of the Chapter, whose membership is approximately 70 persons.

All three men said the reason they were participating in the NFD-sponsored nationwide picket of the Atlanta, Georgia-based Southland Corporation's 7-Eleven franchise was because they considered Southland Corporation to be the "leading retailer of pornography in America."

"7-Eleven convenience stores are supposed to be family stores, but instead they are selling pornography, which we believe undermines family values. What we are doing is taking a stand against the Southland Corporation and pornography,' Deschaine said.

Graham said in a telephone interview that "it's time we really brought the issue of pornography out into the open. 7-Eleven convenience stores were the best place to start."

Graham added that the Pasco Road 7-Eleven was the only 7-Eleven in Springfield to be picketed by Chapter members.

Peter Thomas, of Springfield, who said he was been toe owner of the Pasco Road 7–Eleven for the past two years, was apparently unhappy with the Chapter's picket demonstration.

"It's ridiculous, this is the second time I've been singled out for this," he said.

Graham said that "nobody was being singled out. We chose the Pasco Road 7-Eleven because of its location at a busy intersection."

Thomas said an earlier NFD-sponsored picket against pornography sold at his store took place last August 6.

Deschaine admitted to having participated in that picket and produced a letter addressed to him from the NFD suggesting proper procedures for conducting the picket.

But Boober said he thought that Thomas was diverging from the crucial issue: pornography.

"Porn is wicked," Boober said. "Statistics show that child molestation is on the rise. What's worse, over fifty percent o the convicted rapists in America admitted that their sexual behavior was largely motivated by exposure to pornography."

Boober went on to say that the "porn brokers" are winning the battle over the controversial issue of the sale of pornography in America.

"It's due to the fact that people are slowly becoming habituated to pornography. People are being exploited by the born brokers," he said.

Thomas, who described himself as a Lebanese Catholic, a communicant at St. Anthony's Church in Springfield, and a "very religious" man argued that no proof that pornography leads to sex crimes has been offered and said that if proof is offered, he would "remove" all the pornographic magazines from his store.

Even if proof is never offered, Thomas said he will continue to maintain what he says are strict guidelines governing the sale of pornographic magazines in his store.

"I keep all of the magazines behind the counter and no one under 18 can purchase, let alone read them," he said.

"I feel I am handling my business professionally. The main thing is that adult customers want these magazines. What kind of a business would I be running if I didn't give them what they want?"

Adult customers inside the store seemed to agree.

"Those picketers are being totally ridiculous. I have a right to buy these magazines," said a 28-year old male.

A 33-year old female said that "it's not porn that's bad, it's those sick people in the world that are."

A 30-year male said only this about the picket: "It sucks."

Deschaine, Boober, and Graham, however, said that customer reaction outside the store has been favorable.

"The overall reaction has definitely been favorable," Deschaine said. "Customers have been giving us the 'OK' sign and we noticed other customers driving away once they read our signs and realized what we are doing."

Asked what they will do if the Southland Corporation refused to remove pornographic magazines from it's 7-Eleven stores that carry it, Boober replied, "We will just keep trying and pray that the magazines will be removed."

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Has the stance changed over this controversial issue?

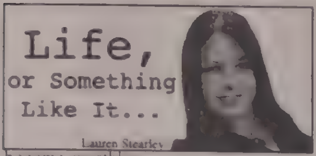
What do you think about the topic as a whole?

Let us know!

Adolescence, revisited

One can basically have no expectations for people in today's society. Wait, yes you can. You can expect them to be unreliable, closed-minded, unwilling to compromise, and just plain lazy.

No one is ever where they say they're going to be, or calls when they say they're going to call. A person's word and even their promise have become worthless.



I learned about this type of behavior during adolescence. However, it has gradually become more frustrating to me over the years, because it is completely unacceptable.

Whatever happened to fundamental values, responsibility, and being considerate and respectful? They have all gone out of style. Nonchalance has become the trend, that live-life-by-the-seat-of-your-pants attitude. There's no need to make plans.

Well, sometimes there is. Sometimes we need to be responsible, because another person's subsequent actions could be dependent on our call or arrival. For example, if I knew you would be a half hour late for the bar instead of the fifteen minutes you claimed, I might have decided that I had time to meet up with a friend at another bar first. But no, instead I waited by myself for a half hour.

Or, if we have tentative plans and I'm waiting for you to get out of work to call me so I know whether to stay home or go out and you never call, that is inconsiderate.

"We have the paradox of customer service. Its intention is help, when most of the time it achieves the opposite. We now have entire industries devoted to customer service when, in the past, customer service had much more quality.

I have experienced this with both guys and girls. There is nothing wrong with making a quick, simple phone call. In fact, most cell phones nowadays only necessitate pressing a maximum of one button with the voice dial feature in order to make the call. And furthermore, there is nothing cool about wasting another person's time. It is unnecessary and unacceptable.

In addition, we have the paradox of customer service. It's intention is help, when most of the time it achieves the opposite. We now have entire industries devoted to customer service when, in the past, customer service had much more quality. Every time you call a company, walk into a retail store, or pull up to a drive-thru window, you can expect incompetence, lack of knowledge, and lack of concern. There is just no heart anymore.

Whatever happened to the good ol' days of "Yes sir/ma'am," "please/thank you," and complete sentences such as, "How can I help you today." The tone of voice is enthusiastic and eager instead of irritated. It's as if they're doing us the favor, when in fact, it is our business that is the source of their employment.

Those who are dedicated to the customer service industry are well-trained and dedicated to their cause, however most of these companies must move offshore in order to find quality help. My father got the most thorough explanation in his life of how to fix a computer problem from a very well-spoken customer service representative in New Delhi, India.

Then there is also the case of the nice customer service representative who is uninformed. You have to really know your rights in order to get what you want.

For instance, I almost was not able to get my car registered, because the lady on the phone claimed I did not have insurance, when I had set it up the previous day. I had to be assertive and insist that it was the company's responsibility to provide my insurance as of 12 a.m. that morning, and after I put up a fight, I ended up having the insurance available.

I'm sure you can all think of your own examples of similar incidents.

The point is, that although this sounds negative and cynical, it is real life. It can all be changed, however. We can start a revolution at Westfield State College and resolve to be dependable, responsible adults that own up to our word as if it were a family heirloom. We can be great customer service representatives and demand great service anywhere we go. Incidentally, all of the quality characteristics I have mentioned will help your success in the professional world as well.

There is no excuse anymore for mediocrity.

Weekly Deep Thought by Jack Handey: "One day a beaver and a termite were walking down the road together. 'I can eat through a tree with my teeth,' said the beaver. 'That's nothing,' said the termite, 'I can burrow through a tree.' Then they heard a voice behind them. 'You two think you're so smart, but you're nothing!' It was a bitter old drunk lady."

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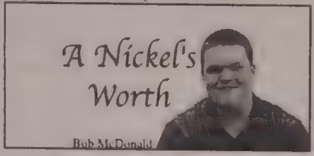
Goodbye Dean, Hello Nader

After months of campaigning, we are on the eve of Super Tuesday. Tomorrow Massachusetts and nine other states will hold presidential primaries in what has become rather narrow race. Sadly, my deadline cannot allow me to go into further specifics regarding tomorrow's events, as any prediction I make might be invalid in the week between the time of my writing and this time you read this.



There is not much left to say about Senator John Kerry. I worked for Kerry's campaign last summer, when most had written him off in favor of Howard Dean's populist movement. I suppose that example shows how quickly things can change in politics. I will only say that he represents the candidate who is not only most qualified for the job, but also the one with the best chance of actually challenging Bush for the presidency.

Rather than talk about the surprising success of John Kerry, there were two other events involved in the primary process last week that deserve a second glance. These events included Howard Dean's exit from the race and Ralph Nader's entrance.

I can't help but feel a little badly for Howard Dean. I say that with a bit of reservation only because I have spent much of the last six months harboring such a dislike for the man. But looking back on the last few months it has become clear to me that Howard Dean was a good man who fell victim to media exploitation.

Dean was a progressive, which is exactly what America needs right now. After all of the events of the past four years, we need someone who is willing to make some big changes to get the country back on track. Regardless of what candidate you back, I can assure you that the last person to possibly present any of these changes is George W. Bush.

That is why Dean was so popular so early in the campaign. He was a master of telling the people exactly what they wanted and needed to hear. The public was ready to hear someone confirm what he or she already thought: that something was rotten in D.C. Due to this he was able to get massive attention.

Dean's media attention quickly turned from a blessing to a curse, however. If Dean's campaign teaches us anything, it is that people love a hero, but they love to see a hero fall even more. Dean began with cover stories on every magazine about how he was coming up from behind to steal the nomination.

However, at the first site of trouble, the media, the beast that had at first befriended him, turned on him. Suddenly, Dean turned into a joke whose electability was in question. A failed attempted to reinvigorate his campaign a la Rick Flair following the Iowa primary sealed his fate. And so we bid a bittersweet farewell to a man who reinforced a principle some of us already know by heart: don't believe everything you hear on TV.

We then turn to the interesting matter of Ralph Nader, who recently announced his candidacy as an independent. As a registered Democrat, I was at first a bit apprehensive about Nader's entrance. But after some additional thought, I realized that Nader's entrance made me concerned for a different reason than I initially considered.

Most Democrats have decried Nader's entrance into the race as an obstacle to their goal of retaking the White House. However, their anger speaks even greater volumes to another political issue; that issue being third parties. Political parties themselves have always been a taboo in American Politics. Washington himself took the time to warn America of their inherent dangers in his farewell address. However, for a long time, Americans embraced parties as a method of promoting political action.

The problem with today's parties is that they are failing in their chief goal: energizing the public. If anything, parties may be inadvertently alienating the public by courting the middle and thus hiding their left or right wing agenda until after Election Day. Many, including Ralph Nader believe that adding a third major party to the mix would help to solve this problem.

Unfortunately for Nader, the public overwhelmingly does not understand this point. Most of America feels that a vote that is not Republican or Democratic in nature is a vote wasted. Until something is done to change this way of thinking, people like Ralph Nader will be doomed to failure. And that's really too bad, because it has never done anything but benefit the public to have a diversity of opinions in the political realm. That is when true progress comes forth.

Regardless, these two changes should provide for an even more interesting election year.

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A Little Note from Bob

Columnist's Note: Last Week, due to a lack of columns, I published an essay submission regarding the 5-5-50. It was pointed out by several of my colleuges in Student Government that this column insinuates that student control over campus drinking policies is questionable. This fact is untrue and it was not my intention to further it.

The SGA has an entire group, the Substance Advisory Committee, overseen by the Vice President of Student Life, working with the administration to keep students involved in this process. I encourage anyone with questions to speak with me personally at my SGA office.

- Bob McDonald

How many ‘hardcore’ kids does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

One hundred. One to screw it in and ninety-nine to stand there and complain about how the old one was better. But seriously forks ...

I don’t know too much about the hardcore scene. I enjoy the music, but rarely go to shows and would never even fathom becoming part of a “crew”. As always, there are two sides to a story. I have seen nothing but the negative aspects of the hardcore scene, and how nasty and ignorant several of participants are (mainly from personal experience). I was not at the show on Valentine’s Day, due to the fact that I peered into the Third World Room, saw it 75% filled with kids I have personal vendettas against and left.

My accounts of what happened that night come from the Westfield State police log and (the few) friends that saw everything happen firsthand. So please note: Whatever is said here does not go for all the kids in the scene. There are a few bad seeds in every apple, and I’ve only been exposed to most rotten of them all. So yes, this is a completely one-sided column, and I whole-heartedly admit it. Okay, now that that’s out of the way ...

I, for one, am very excited to finally have the ammunition I need to tear down the scene, straightedge, the misuse of the word “posi”(positive) and the many, many contradictions that plague this group of youngsters like a bad case of acne.

So, how many of you heard about what happened the night of February 14th in the Third World Room? Let me see a show of hands. Hmmm. Apparently not many. Amongst the droves of unnecessarily violent, mesh trucker hat adorning, angsty, upper-middle class white children, a hardcore show was in progress. Put on by a WSC student in hopes of expanding the musical horizons of the campus, and not expecting much of a problem, the night consisted of performances by Deadwater Drowning, Funeral In Fame, The Allegory Index, I Bleed for Her, The Agony and local favorites The Acacia Strain.

All seemed to be going well until the last song was played by The Acacia Strain. According to witnesses (I’ve always wanted to write that), the lead singer had made a comment about “destroying” the place, and then, of course, all hell broke loose when those kids got their “dancing” on.

The police log reported that during the few minutes worth of song, $800 worth of “malicious destruction and vandalism” took place, including the demolition of 25 ceiling tiles and 2 chairs. On top of that, afterwards, the person who set up the show was left to clean the place by their lonesome. Reports also suggest that the band “pre-meditated” the destruction, and the blame should firmly be placed on their shoulders, and The Acacia Strain will no longer be allowed to perform at WSC.

So what’s the problem here?

The kids that go to these kinds of shows are used to being able to destroy things and hurt each other in the name of the music. Shows like this take place in open areas, not in the confines of a small room in a basement with tile ceilings.

The majority of the children there were not WSC students (mainly high school. Don’t get me started on that), so why would they care what they destroy? It’s not their money or time. Great attitude.

Remember my last column when I mentioned the unnecessary violent acts of white suburban teenagers that makes no sense? Yeah. Goes for this too. Why these kids feel the need to hit each other and destroy things is totally beyond me; maybe that’s just one of the aspects of scene I don’t understand. I’d love for someone to explain that concept to me ... Someone. Anyone.

As for the pre-meditation on behalf of The Acacia Strain, sure, I believe it. It’s the intent of the band to give energy to the crowd and get them worked up at a show. That IS the reason they play, hopefully ... In that case, they are guilty. The band should not have the responsibility of paying off the damage, because it really wasn’t there fault otherwise. They were there to play their music and put on a show, and that’s what they did.

Who is really to blame?

Public safety and the children who attended the show!

Every show on campus has to have at least one public safety officer present to make sure things like this don’t happen. They are paid to be there. So where was the officer at this show? Why wasn’t it nipped in the bud by the fuzz that was paid to protect the students and the room, huh? A LOT can be blamed on that. Hardcore kids think their tough, but throw a cop into the mix, they immediately lose their balls, like anyone else. Next time, if public safety knows that bands of this genre will be performing, perhaps extra security is something to look in to. Yes, we need babysitters. Because obviously they can’t handle themselves.

And the darling children! You’d think that they’d know better, you know, being at a college and not a local club where actions like that are not only permitted, but in some cases, encouraged, Many attendees should’ve been screened. Hell, they should’ve let ME screen them. Half the problem would’ve been solved right there, because the majority of those kids wouldn’t have been allowed to grace the campus in which I pay to attend (and contrary to popular belief, I DO pay to come here). But moving on from my personal issues with these people ... No. Nix that. I need to vent.

Image is everything. Being thought of as tough and hard and edge is all the rage nowadays, without regard to gender either. Those kids say they want to be independent, different from the rest, but they aren’t, in the slightest. They were the high school outcasts (and in most cases still are). They’d make fun of the ‘popular kids’ who always disregarded them. And they didn’t believe in cliques.

Gee, that changed quick.

They emulate each other. They’re all the same. Hypocracy, people! You are the things you hate, but instead you slap a new name on it and call yourselves “posi”, while you beat the living hell out of each other and destroy state college ceilings!

The real reason scenes exist? Insecurity, the need to belong to something. Plain and simple. We ALL have insecurities, though. But at least some of us have the guts to admit it.

Some hardcore kids embrace the word “posi”, which of course, is short for positive. They think by keeping a positive attitude, it may filter out all the bad within. Yet ... you kids still knock each other around, exclude those with different opinions. May want to look into that.

The scene has given the ideas of being straightedge a horrible image. I congratulate anyone who has the ability to obstain from all that is toxic. But because of the scene and how they’ve taken the right to privately owning straightedge, it’s become a sick cult and a Nazi-like regime in which others who make different choices with their lives are told to stay away because they aren’t good enough for the edge. Come on. The triple X thing? What’s that about? Some “ironic” play on the whole “XXX” on liquor bottles? Clever! Even something positive like staying drug free can be turned into a negative by the magic of hardcore kids. Amazing, You know what’s even more amusing ... If every straightedge kid in the scene got drunk at least once, I guarantee a good 75% of them would drop their “ideals”.

Whoooo! What a vent! I feel better having got that off my chest.

So where was I going with this? Oh yeah. The messed up Third World Room. Don’t blame the bands. Blame the immature idiots who attend these shows. Don’t hold the music and performers responsible for the action of children (notice how I’ve used that term a lot in this column?) who only know how to express themselves through violence.

For those of you who are there for the music and enjoy a different kind of sound that’s not part of the MTV world, keep up the good work. For the others, I suggest some heavy psychological help and a slap in the face by reality. One day you’ll be adults. Then spin-kicks won’t solve too much, the edge will mean nothing when you start to nurse your bottle of Jack Daniel’s after a hard day of work and the music, sadly, will become another sad reminder that you’ve grown old.

‘Til next time ...

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Nickelback shows listeners that they're still going strong

BY JESS NORDEN
MANAGING EDITOR

If you've tuned into MTV or the radio for the past few months, then you've probably seen Nickelback's video of "Someday" off of their newest CD, "The Long Road".

These hard rocking Canadians are back with their third CD, which features an eclectic mix of loud hard rock to the occasional more mellow sounding songs. Vocalist Chad Kroeger shows his unique and extreme talent for songwriting on this CD and proves that every song is one worth listening to.

Beginning with "Flat on the Floor", Kroeger and his band mates have an amazing start. When you add the guitar riffs from the start of the song and mix in the drums and Kroeger's vocals, this fast paced song makes a great opener to the CD.

"Someday" is the song that's been on the radio so often that most people probably want to scream, but this still is a good song. I haven't listened to it enough to make me want to pull my hair out, but that's okay. Being their first single, I think that they made a good choice; it mixes the rock with the ."ballad" aspect of rock albums.

"Believe It or Not" is one of those rocker/ballad type songs that tell a story that has a lot of truth in it. It talks about people hiding their true feelings for many things, that everyone does it at one point and that no one is alone even if they think they are.

One of my favorites on the album is "Feelin' Way Too Damn Good." It discusses the feelings of when you miss someone and you're at that point where you finally get to see them and everything's going so right that in some way it feels wrong.

Another favorite is "See You at the Show", which is almost a thank you to their fans and relates their late nights and touring to the song as well. The guitar solos and percussion on this song are incredible not to mention the vocals, which tell the band's story of the tours and the concerts and just how they feel about their fans.

"Saturday Night's Alright (for Fighting)," is one of the bonus tracks on the CD. Written by Elton John, this song is pumped full of energy, it makes you want to turn up the volume all the way while listening to it. Kroeger's vocals and the guitars on this song make it one of the best songs on the CD.

While this album may not be Nickelback's finest work as some critics have said, it definitely shows that they are no one hit wonder.

In my opinion, Nickelback has shown their variety of musical interests on this album and have proved that true fans will enjoy this album and play it often.

If you're interested in this album, head to your nearest record store and check it out.

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Nickelback's newest CD "The Long Road" is in stores now.

Fitzwilly's is a 'fantastic choice'

BY EMILY RANSOM
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Northampton has everything to offer; from Tofu, Chinese food, to Italian pastries but Fitzwilly's Bar and Restaurant is in a class by itself. The restaurant and bar opened in 1974 and has been serving area locals ever since.

The bar was full early on and all through dinner hours. www.fitzwil [illegible] has listings of their specialty drinks.

This restaurant was a fantastic choice for groups since they take reservations and have a very extensive menu. The menu was difficult to choose from since everything sounded good.

Prices range from $7-$15, some of which include salads or at least generous sides. The salads that came with many of the entrees were full of romaine lettuces, hand sliced carrots and grape tomatoes.

Several pasta dishes also came with half a loaf of garlic bread which was even better than the hot rolls on the table. There were appetizers, salads, soups, pastas, pizzas, burgers, sandwiches, and other entrees of steak, chicken, and seafood.

All the food arrived quickly and was hot with large portions. The pastas came out surprisingly al dente and the fajitas were sizzling.

Even the club sandwich was a large meal itself since it was big and came with a heap of very crispy fries. There was also an extensive list of specials.

Specials ranged from scallops to ribs and everything in between.

The wait staff was accommodating when diners wanted to make minor substitutions and they continuously brought drink refills.

A lot of the booths were separated off from each other so there was a friendly intimate feel. The decor was interesting, it seemed refined yet casual, homey yet sophisticated.

Unfortunately they were out of a sausage that was an ingredient in many of the dishes but they were willing to substitute chicken instead or they would make it without either.

The prices were very reasonable and with such a vast selection, Fitzwilly's could become a local favorite.

Dining without the Commons

Taste: ★★★★★

Price: $7.00- $15.00

Location: Northampton

Service: ★★★★

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'The Wedding' brings tears

BY JESS NORDEN
MANAGING EDITOR

Nicholas Sparks' novels have captured readers all over the world with his love stories. Sparks is back with a story that will go straight to the heart. In Sparks' newest novel "The Wedding," he expresses romance, emotion and lack thereof.

This follow-up to his first novel, "The Notebook," finds Wilson Lewis, the son-in-law of Noah and Allie Calhoun (from "The Notebook") facing the realization that his thirty-year marriage to his wife Jane has lost the romance and love it once had.

Wilson becomes determined to bring the love back into his marriage because his love for Jane is so immense that he cannot imagine himself without her. His only problem is that he's not so sure if Jane still loves him. Wilson has to try to find a way to make his wife fall in love with him all over again.

Throughout his marriage, Wilson has been shown the example of a marriage full of love from his in-laws, Noah and Allie, whose love took them through many obstacles and it stayed as strong as the day they fell in love, to the day Allie died and to the present time where Noah's love for Allie still was as strong.

Wilson has never been one to show his emotions and this causes a problem for him. He must find the strength to show his true feelings to the woman he has loved for thirty years. Faced with his daughter's upcoming wedding, he decides this will be the time to get back the love of his life.

Noah assists Wilson in this task by explaining how he won the heart of his wife and how he showed her everyday how much he loved her. Noah tells Wilson how he wrote his wife love letters when they were apart and that he even wrote them to her when they were not, just so he could tell her how much he loved her and what she meant to him.

Wilson's ability to break out of his shell and not be so tough is something that every man can relate to at one point or another during his life and women can relate to Jane's struggle to realize her love for her husband.

Wilson does everything from recreating their first date, (which I found to be incredibly romantic) to going on a weekend getaway.

Jane is not quite sure how to react during all of this and Wilson's determination gets stronger as the days progress towards his daughter's wedding.

Sparks' ability to describe love in the way he does and for the two main characters in the novel, is something that many authors can not do as amazing and as truthfully as he is able to.

Sparks continues to make each novel better than the last, each captivating the reader until the very end. "The Wedding" is guaranteed to have tears fall down your face as you finish this novel.

If you enjoy this book, try reading his one of his other novels, which you can find in your nearest bookstore.

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Guster 'keeps it together' at their latest concert

By Matt Bernat
News Editor

To my left were concert goers chanting "We've got acid". To my right was a woman who must have been in her forties, at least, and her daughter, who I guessed was twenty-something.

No, I wasn't at a Grateful Dead reunion tour, this was the Calvin Theater in Northampton. My girlfriend and I, " acid dudes", and the mother-daughter team, were there to see Guster.

By no means a household name, Guster, who is, Adam Gardner, Brian Rosenworcel and Ryan Miller, have been tirelessly touring, performing, and making music since 1993. Just now they are getting considerable recogniton with two songs getting moderate airplay, "Amsterdam" and "Careful". Both were played to an enthusiastic, sold out crowd.

The band was tight and stayed together for the first half of the concert. Guster's secret weapon will always be Brian, the group's percussionist, who relies on the bongos for his drumming needs. Only occasionally will he step behind the kit.

The guys played a lot of material off of "Keep it Together" and "Lost and Gone Forever" their "breakthrough" album.

Adam spoke to the crowd in between every few songs or so, his anecdotes were crowd pleasers in themselves. "When we were first starting out, we were booked at the Mullins Center. We had to open for Nelly."

Brian then started up a beat, and was joined with some guitar lines from Ryan, (all impromptu), Adam began a rap and stopped. After much audience coaxing, he started up again and rapped through what was the most surreal and hilarious moment of the evening.

The second half of the concert was more comedy. The "acid dude"s were getting rowdier, demanding to hear "Backyard" a very mellow track off of their latest "Keep it Together". The band was not going to play it, so they turned to Joe, a new addition to the band who does a little bit of everything, from guitar to bass to keyboards.

He suggested "Great Escape" off of their second album "Goldfly", a complete departure from the set list, and it showed. The song was sloppy, timing was off, words were forgotten, but, everyone had a good time anyways. Guster fans are nothing if not forgiving.

With good reason, when you go to see these guys perform you are guaranteed some fun. Guster doesn't appreciate keeping the fans waiting for an encore, so Adam declared that the band would do "a lap around the stage". They finished, put down their instruments, and while the audiece cheered for more, the four took a stroll around the stage.

The show ended with an acoustic "Jesus on the Radio", off of their latest album "Keep it Together". The four moved to the very edge of the stage, mics off, acoustic guitars in tow, and for 2:31 seconds, it seemed that they were playing to you, and you alone. It was hands down the best way I've ever seen a concert end.

-File Photo

Guster performed at the Calvin Theater in Northampton recently.

New Haven club has style and maturity

By Lisandra Billings
Voice Reporter

One of the most important things you learn when you begin going to college is that the weekends begin on Thursdays rather than Fridays. Typically labeled "Thirsty Thursday," college students everywhere come together to release all of the week's tensions in dorm rooms, at parties or in a club.

Those attending Westfield State College most likely travel to Springfield to go dancing. Whether it be to Tilly's, the Hippodrome or the new Club Rain, You're guaranteed to have a good time until 2:00AM when the students are shuffled out into the cold.

While some people move their evening's fun to a party somewhere, most end up returning to their dorms and crashing in their beds. But what about those who want to continue dancing past two?

Growing up in Western Mass, I quickly became quite familiar with the clubs in Springfield. By the time I got to Westfield, I found myself quite bored with the Hippodrome, as I had been going throughout my high school years. I longed for something different, something new, and most of all, a club that didn't close at two.

While visiting a friend at the University of New Haven, I found what I was looking for, Gotham Citi. With three floors, three DJ's and plenty of bars this club automatically won my heart.

Arriving at midnight we were ushered to the top floor where chandeliers, huge comfy armchairs and, strangely, large hutches filled with china awaited us.

The first thing I noticed was that, unlike clubs here, people seemed like they were actually there to dance! No gross displays of affection and no pesky guys grabbing you from behind.

No one at the bar was staring you down, everyone just danced, the DJ was so good that it was almost impossible not to. As more people crowded onto the dance floor the room gets hotter and the music gets louder.

Just a note: For those of you who don't enjoy crowds that much, feel free to take a breather in one of the many side rooms filled with chairs, couches and pool tables.

The clock struck 2 and people began filing towards the stairs, but not to go home. The party continued on the second floor in a much darker setting. Students were able to resume their dancing and it was like the music never ended.

All good things must come to an end and eventually the club closes at 5:00AM. A tired crowd walks slowly to their cars and students return to their quiet schools.

Another note: Since this club is in the center of New Haven, most of the guys present are students at Yale, yes smart AND good looking…

While my heart remains with the dirty little clubs of Springfield, it's always nice to get out and go somewhere new. So for any of you looking for something different, it's definitely worth the hour trip to New Haven.

February 25, 2004

To: All Faculty

From: The Bookstore

This is to inform you that textbooks will be returned to publishers starting on March 1. Please let your students know. If you are planning to use a book later in the semester and you would like us to keep it, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

Cindy Hamel
Bookstore Manager

Upcoming Movie Releases

March 5:

Starsky & Hutch
Hidalgo

Upcoming Music Releases

March 2:

Hootie & The Blowfish: *Best of Hootie & The Blowfish 1993-2003*
Clint Black: *Spend My Time*
Various Artists: *Tha Down Low*
Jessica Simpson: *In This Skin (Collector's Edition)*
Get Up Kids: *Guilt Show*

Upcoming Book Releases

March 1:

James Patterson- 3rd Degree
Danielle Steel- Ransom
Jayson Blair- Burning Down my Master's House
Stephanie Laurens- The Ideal Bride

'The Voice' is looking for the *Best of the Best* for our first "Best of Westfield" contest. Please fill in the form below and return it to Student Government Office (Lower Ely), the Ely Teller Window, or Ely C-248, or mail it to Box 237, WSC, Western Ave., 01086. All entries will be entered into a raffle for GREAT prizes! Forms due by Wednesday, March 10. (Names and phone numbers will only be used for contacting raffle winners!)

Please help us find the BEST OF WESTFIELD!!!

Best of Westfield (or close to us)

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Best Fries: ____
Best Nightclub: ____
Best Drinks: ____
Best Cheap Date: ____
Best Townie Bar: ____
Best Karaoke: ____
Hottest Bartenders: ____
Best Radio: ____
Best Newspaper: ____
Best Clothes: ____
Best Music Store: ____
Best Department Store: ____
Best Gas Station: ____
Best Liquor Store: ____
Best Supermarket: ____
Best Convenient Store: ____
Best Movies Rentals: ____
Best Movie Theatre: ____
Best Cheap Date: ____

Men's Hoops Eliminated By Bridgewater In Tournament

Bridgewater 89 – Westfield 62

BRIDGEWATER – Juniors Matt Badiali and Chris Hayes both scored 21 points to power Bridgewater State to an 89-62 victory over Westfield State in a semifinal game of the Mass. State Conference basketball tournament Feb. 25.

Bridgewater, 13-12 and the No. 2 seed, played top seeded Salem State in the championship game. Salem handled Worcester State, 78-52, in the other semifinal. Westfield finishes with a 13-11 record.

The Bears bolted to a commanding 49-26 halftime lead in front a large crowd at the Adrian Tinsley Center, behind 14 points from Hayes and 11 from Baldiali. Bridgewater shot 53 percent in the first half, while Westfield only shot 30 percent, including a dismal 1-for-10 from 3-point range.

Senior point guard Ryan Anderson notched seven assists for Bridgewater, pushing his season total to 173 to break the school record of 170, set in 1975 by Steve Jantz. Anderson is currently fifth in NCAA Division III, averaging 6.9 assists per game.

Senior center Rich Pyle led the Owls with a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds). Ricky Ogboin scored 11 points and James Ogbunize had 10 points, six rebounds and two blocks.

Westfield State 87
Mass. College 73

NORTH ADAMS – Six players scored in double figures, led by Ricky Ogboin's 23 points, in Westfield State's 87-73 victory over Massachusetts College on Liberal Arts on Feb. 21.

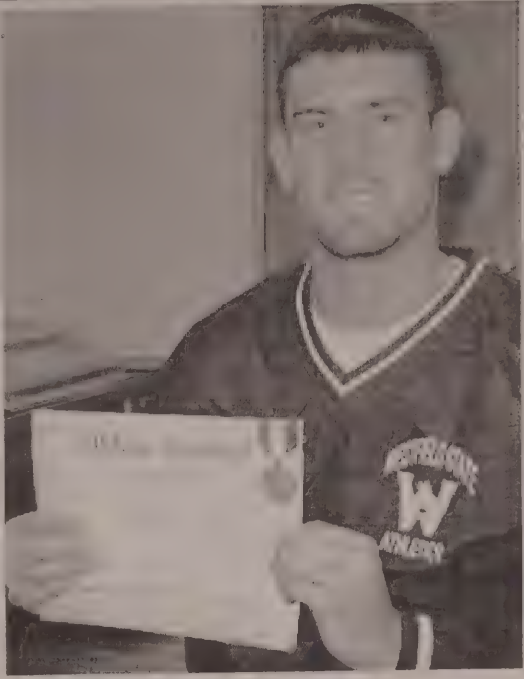
Westfield finished its regular season 13-10 overall and placed third in the Mass. State Conference with a 7-5 record. Mass. College finished 1-24 and 0-12

Westfield played at No. 2 seed Bridgewater State Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

The Owls - who used just eight players - only led by four points, 73-69, with 2:55 remaining. But Westfield went on a 14-4 run in the final 2:35, including eight points by Ogboin.

Other top performers for the Owls were: senior Vaso Jaukovic (14 points, six rebounds), freshman guard Ryan Goyette (13 points, eight rebounds), freshman guard Gavin Illangakoon (11 points, seven rebounds), sophomore James Ogbunize (10 points, seven rebounds), and senior center Rich Pyle (10 points).

Mass. College, which made 10 of 30 three-point attempts, was led by Robert Mitchell (24 points) and Chet Columbus (23 points). Senior Glenn Mills of Springfield scored 12 second-half points to finish his collegiate career with 1,011 points.



New England Champ

Westfield State senior Mat LeMaire finished first in the pentathlon at the New England Division 3 track and field championships Feb. 21 at Bowdoin College. LeMaire totaled 3,276 points in the grueling one-day, five-event competition to edge Trinity's Chris Orr by 22 points. LeMaire placed sixth in the 1,000 meter run (2:57.85), first in the 55 high hurdles (8.06), first in the high jump (6-2), third in the long jump (19-4) and second in the shot put (36-7). Also earning All New England honors were sophomore David Richardson in the high jump and senior Jess Silva in the 800 meter run. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Swim Team Places 10th

WALTHAM – The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team finished 10th out of 21 teams in the New England Division II-III swimming and diving championships held Feb. 20-22 at Bentley College.

Sophomore standout Vanessa Morton of Wellfleet was the Owls' top performer in the three-day meet. Morton placed second in the 50 freestyle (25.81) and third in the 100 freestyle with a school record clocking of 55.16, shattering her own record 55.83 she set on Jan. 31. The Nauset Regional graduate also placed eighth in the 50 butterfly.

Freshman Rachel Webb of West Springfield was fifth in the 200 butterfly and freshman diver Marianne Wilson was eighth in the one-meter diving. Sophomore Lindsey Bartosz of Chicopee came in seventh in the 50 backstroke and 10th in the 200 backstroke.

New England Division II-III Swimming and Diving Finals

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bentley 895; 2. Mass Dartmouth 722; 3. Brandeis 716; 4. Keene State 613; 5. St. Michael's 469; 6. Colby Sawyer 462; 7. Plymouth State 378; 8. Bridgewater State 322; 9. WNEC 298; 10. Westfield State 273; 11. Simmons 260; 12. U. of New England 238; 13. Eastern Connecticut 231; 14. Gordon 227; 15. St. Joseph, CT 127; 16. Western Connecticut 123; 17. Regis 58; 18. Salem State 23; 19. Norwich 19; 20. Wheelock 5; 21. Elms 0.

SECOND PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 50 freestyle, 25.81.
THIRD PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 100 freestyle, 55.16.
FIFTH PLACE: Rachel Webb, 200 butterfly, 2:26.27.
SEVENTH PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 50 backstroke, 30.54.
EIGHTH PLACE: Vanessa Morton, 50-butterfly, 29.09; Marianne Wilson, one-meter diving, 274.95.
NINTH PLACE: 400 freestyle relay, (Bartosz, Acheson, Webb, Morton), 3:56.60
10th PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 200 backstroke, 2:25.39.
11th PLACE: 200 freestyle relay (Gilbert, Piquette, Bartosz, Morton), 1:50.43.
12th PLACE: Lindsey Bartosz, 100 backstroke, 1:06.39; Nikkie Crowe, one-meter diving, 223.10; 400 medley relay (Spataro, Piquette, Webb, Nicole Acheson), 2:26.34; 800 freestyle relay, (Piquette, Spataro, Acheson, Webb), 8:57.86.
13th PLACE: Rachel Webb, 500 freestyle, 5:42.50; 200 medley relay (Bartosz, Piquette, Morton, Gilbert), 2:02.26.

Owls Outlast Worcester, 57-54; Advance To Finals

WESTFIELD – Sophomore forward Lekeisha Walker (Springfield) led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points, and also totaled 19 rebounds, four blocks and two steals, to lead Westfield State to a 57-54 victory over Worcester State in a Mass. State Conference basketball tournament game Feb. 25.

Westfield, 21-5, faced rival Salem State in the conference championship game Saturday, Feb. 28, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

It was the 11th time in the 15-year history of the tournament that Salem and Westfield squared off in the finals. Salem, which defeated Westfield twice during the regular season, improved to 22-3 overall with a 69-55 semifinal victory over Fitchburg State.

Westfield led cold-shooting and turnover-prone Worcester State 29-18 at halftime, then held off the visitors in the second half. The Lancers only had five first-half field goals, but they scored four quick buckets in the second half to close within four points, 30-26, with 17:56 remaining.

Westfield regrouped to take its biggest lead of the second half, 44-32, with 10:35 remaining. But the Lancers, sparked by 17 bench points, whittled the Westfield lead to two points, 48-46, with 3:45 remaining.

The Owls then got a pair of clutch 3-point baskets to maintain their slim advantage. Sophomore guard Meghan McCarthy (Belchertown) drained a trey from the left wing to make it 51-46. Worcester closed to within two again, then senior forward Meredith Maaske (Coon Rapids, Minnesota) nailed a 3-pointer from the deep left corner for a 54-49 Westfield lead with 2:08 remaining.

Maaske also made a free throw with 27 seconds remaining to make it 55-51. Worcester's Amanda Kowal (Oxford) made a free throw with 10 seconds remaining, then - after Walker missed the front end of a one-and-one – Rachel Odugbela (Providence) drove for a layup for a 55-54 Westfield lead with 2.3 seconds remaining.

Westfield successfully inbounded the ball and senior point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley) was fouled with 1.4 seconds remaining. She made both free throws for the game's final points. Worcester State did inbound the ball to midcourt, but Kathy Ward's (Fall River) desperation shot was way off the mark.

Also scoring in double figures for Westfield were Maaske (12 points) and sophomore forward Amanda Chapin (Westfield) with 12 points apiece. McCarthy finished with 10 points.

Odugbela came off the bench to score a team-high 13 points for the Lancers, including three 3-point baskets. Ward scored 12 points.

Worcester only shot 22 percent and committed 14 turnovers in the first half, but the Lancers shot 46 percent in the second half and had only four turnovers. Westfield – which is ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense (48.2) - only shot 31 percent from the field and was 5-for-18 from beyond the arc.

End Of An Era

Westfield State bid farewell to an old friend during the final regular season game played Feb. 19 in Parenzo Gym. Taking part in pre-game ceremonies to close the 48-year-old gym were, left to right: Westfield State seniors Vaso Jaukovic, Allen Murray and Rich Pyle; Don Farr (Westfield State Class of 1957), Framingham State's Chris Feeney and Anthony Faradie; and Bob Farr (Class of 1955). Don Farr played in the first game in Parenzo Gym on November 30, 1956, and he scored 29 points in Westfield's 77-54 victory over Worcester State. *David Harris-Fried Photo*

Indoor Soccer Standings

Place	Women	W	L	T	Pts.
1	Team Zolenski	3	0	0	6
2	Team Donovan	0	3	0	0

Place	Men	W	L	T	Pts.
1	Team Conch	5	0	0	10
2	Kerfuffle	3	1	0	6
3	Quad Life	3	1	0	6
4	Trojans	2	2	0	4
5	Eagles	1	3	0	2
6	Lucky 13	1	3	0	2
7	Free Agents	0	4	0	0

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Monday - Wednesday	-	12am-2am
Thursday	-	11pm-2am
Fridays	-	CLOSED
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Sundays	-	3pm-6pm/12am-2am

No Open Gym Hours @ Juniper Park

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Ultimate Frisbee (M+W)

Bowling Standings

	W	L
W-Dot-Wallex	20	4
Bowling Ballsacks	13	11
Team Big Balls	11	12
The Legends	4	20

3 - 3 Basketball Standings

Place	Women	W-L-T	Pts
1	Tigers	1-0-0	1
2	Y Girls	0-2-0	0
3	Get Your Hair Did	1-0-0	

Men

Place	Highly Skilled	W-L-T	Pts
1	The Legends	5-0-0	1.0
2	Blazers	3-1-0	0.75
3	Team Jordan	3-2-0	0.6
3	The Truth	3-2-0	0.6
5	UE03	2-4-0	0.333
7	Sweet Sauce	1-3-0	0.25

Place	Skilled - North	W-L-T	Pts
1	Camel Toes	5-0-0	1.0
[illegible]	Quincy	3-1-0	0.75
[illegible]	BAMFs	3-2-0	0.6
[illegible]	RBDs	2-3-0	0.4
[illegible]	Mighty Ducks	2-4-0	0.33
5	Fab 4	2-4-0	0.33
[illegible]	Quad Life	1-4-0	0.2
8	Team Fox	0-5-0	0

Place	Skilled - South	W-L-T	Pts
1	New Quad Life	4-1-0	0.8
2	Gridiron Boyz	3-1-1	0.6
2	Trojans	3-2-0	0.6
4	Dodgers	2-2-0	0.5
4	Kwelity	2-2-0	0.5
6	Ballers	2-3-0	0.4
7	Below Average	1-3-1	0.2
8	Team Seth	0-3-2	0

Sharpen Up Your Shooting Skills For:
The March Hoopla
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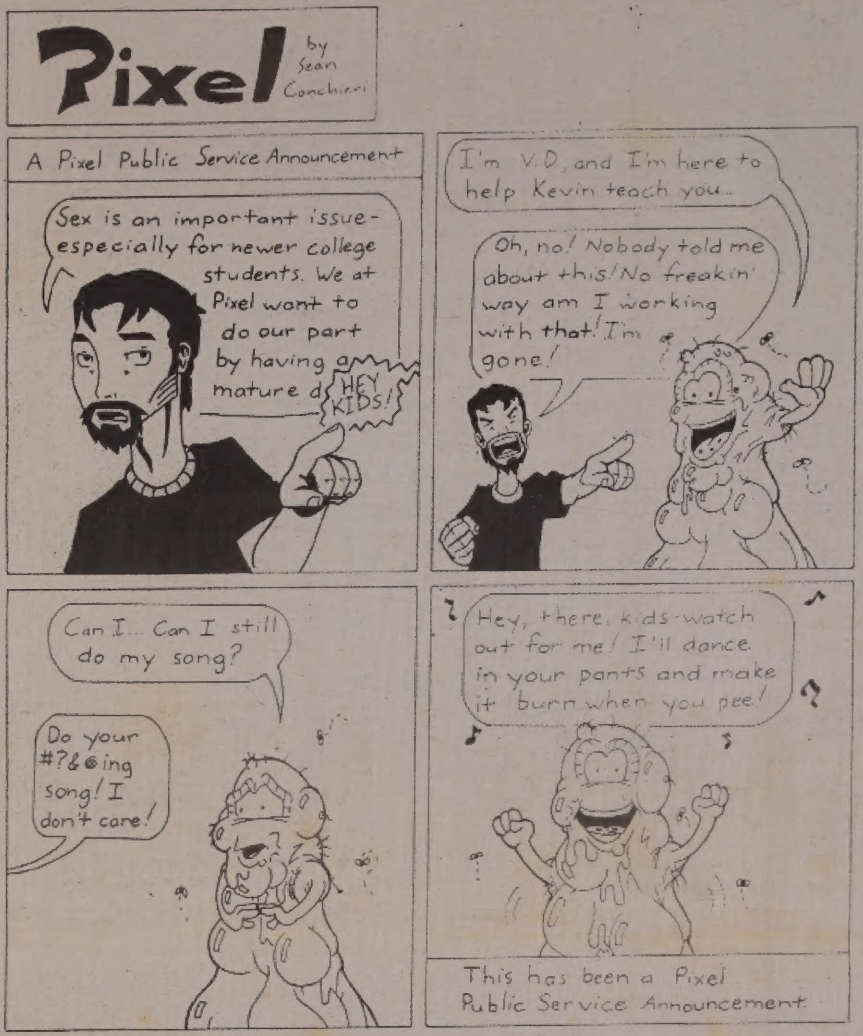
IM Department will be holding a golf Tournament this year @ Southwick Country Club. Anyone interested please sign up in the IM Department - Ely 231.


Pixel
by Sean Conchieri
A Pixel Public Service Announcement
Sex is an important issue- especially for newer college students. We at Pixel want to do our part by having a mature d
HEY KIDS!
I'm V.D, and I'm here to help Kevin teach you..
Oh, no! Nobody told me about this! No freakin' way am I working with that! I'm gone!
Can I... Can I still do my song?
Do your #?&@ing song! I don't care!
Hey, there, kids-watch out for me! I'll dance in your pants and make it burn when you pee!
This has been a Pixel Public Service Announcement

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> - Steve Hofstetter
> Observational Humor
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7 Catholic Masses -Int- Noon &4pm	8 Catholic Mass - INT - 7:30am Monday Evening Jazz - EML - 7-9pm	9 Catholic Mass - INT - 7:30am Wind Symphony / Big Band - Dever - 6pm	10 Catholic Masses - INT - 7:30am & 4:30pm Guest Lecture Series - See Box	11 Catholic Mass - INT - 7:30am	12 Catholic Mass - INT - 7:30am	13 Sat. Night Live - EML - 8-11pm

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3/4 - Blue Collar Comedy Tour & The Hunted
3/5-3/7 - Alex and Emma & The Hours